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NORWAY: THE FIGHT GOES ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Norwegian troops in central Norway have split up into two groups, one going north to join the Allies in the Narvik sector, the other remaining to harass the Nazis around Roeros and Storen.

Despite Nazi claims, there are no German troops at either Mo or Mosjoen (coastal ports between Trondheim and Narvik).

From Stockholm come reports that German planes have dropped mines in Narvik fjord.

An "Order of the Day" issued by the Norwegian High Command states:—

"We must not give up. The fight continues and we shall win because we have right on our side."—Havas.

Local Norwegian Successes

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Local successes have been gained by the Norwegians near the Swedish frontier, notably in the Leigastin range where Norwegian infantry, supported by planes and artillery, compelled the Germans to abandon strategic peaks and retreat through the adjacent valley under heavy fire.

The Germans withdrew from several customs stations on the Swedish frontier which they had occupied.—Havas.

Poles Land At Narvik

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Polish detachments of Carpathian chasseur, organised in France, were landed recently near Narvik.

Snowstorms in the Narvik area are hampering operations there but in the region of Roeros guerilla warfare continues to be marked by Norwegian successes.—Havas.

BUDAPEST DENIES ULTIMATUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

An official communique denies rumours circulated by the Belgrade newspaper "Politika" asserting that Germany has presented an ultimatum to Hungary demanding a passage for German troops. The communique declares the report is a malicious manoeuvre.—Havas.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LABOUR WILL REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY GOVERNMENT HEADED BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN, IT WAS CONFIRMED FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S DEBATE.

Much importance is attached to the fact that 44 majority members voted against the Government, thus reducing the majority to the smallest since 1931.

It is noted, however, that over 130 members did not vote, this being due not only to voluntary abstentions and to sickness but also to the fact that several members are serving in the armed forces.

The leaders of the Labour Party were highly pleased with the result of the division, 281 votes to 200.

Speculation Rife

Speculation is rife concerning Mr. Chamberlain's course of action in the light of the Commons vote, which while giving him a majority of 81, is freely conceded as a moral victory for the Opposition.

Mr. Chamberlain was able to command less than half the voting strength

of the House, for many Tories abstained from voting who were unwilling to go into the Opposition Lobby.

Present indications are that Mr. Chamberlain will stay in office while reconstructing his Cabinet, but if this merely means a reshuffling of existing posts, the solution is not likely to be regarded as satisfactory.

Political observers who do not dismiss the possibility of Mr. Chamberlain's resignation, suggest as his probable successor either Lord Halifax or Mr. Winston Churchill, heading a National Coalition Government in which Labour and Liberal leaders would participate.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—S. E. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

ITALIANS PROVIDE NEW DEFINITIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Although from the juridical view Italy's attitude has been defined as one of non-belligerency, the Italian people consider it more correct to term it as one of pre-belligerency, declared a Senator in a report on the Home Office budget.

The Senator outlined the reasons why Italy is not willing to sacrifice any of her claims and interests to "plutocratic hegemonies."—Havas.

SWEDEN MINING IN STOCKHOLM WATERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The official German news agency reports Sweden has decided to mine the navigation channels in the Stockholm Archipelago.—Havas.

ULTIMATUM TO HOLLAND RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The arrival on the German-Dutch border of two German divisions of shock troops has led to rumours that Holland will soon receive an ultimatum from the Reich.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Holland's mobilisation, the largest in her history, has paid particular attention to the naval side, sailors and fishermen also being recalled.

An editorial in the "Algemeen Handelsblad" declares Holland wants to be prepared for all eventualities and to determine her attitude at any moment.

Holland needs nobody's help, the paper says.

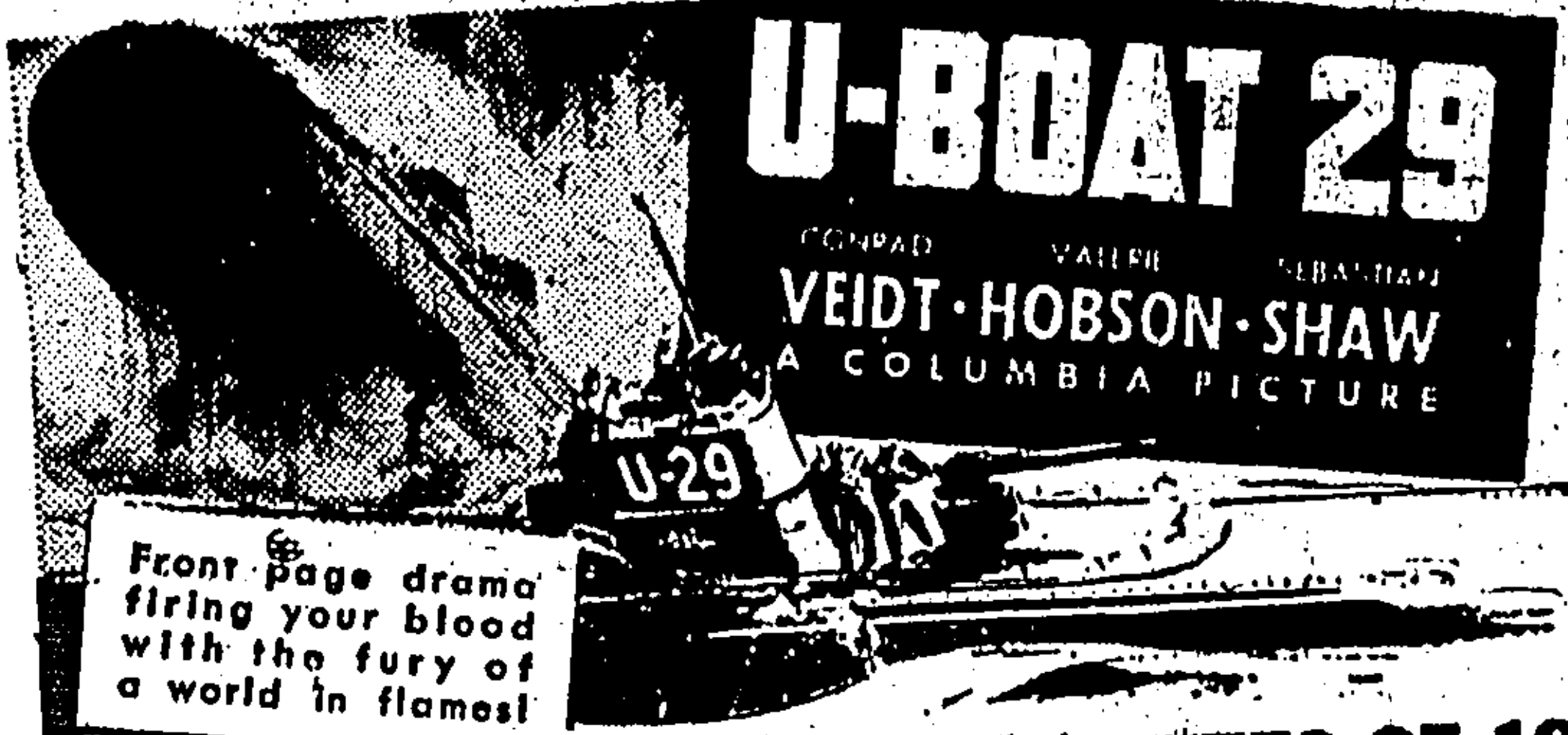
Political circles declare Holland will not allow herself to be "protected" by anybody. She has drawn lessons from the Scandinavian tragedy and events will not catch her unawares.—Havas.



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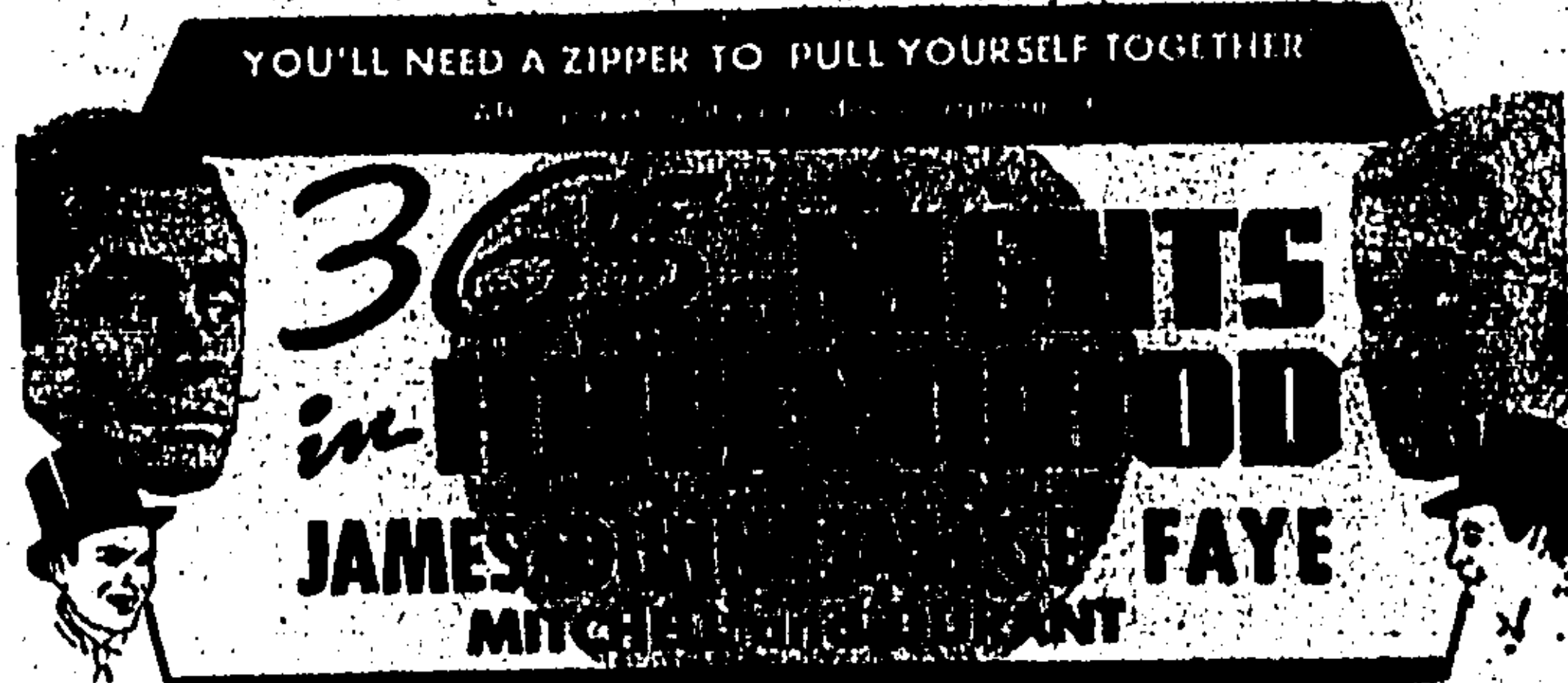
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JAP. CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN MISSIONS

London, To-day.

MR. I. C. HANNAH (CONS.) asked in the House of Commons yesterday how many missionary stations had been evacuated owing to the anti-British movement fostered by the Japanese in Hopei, Shantung, Shansi and Honan, resulting in over 10,000 hospital beds being closed. Mr. Hannah also asked whether the Prime Minister would represent to the Japanese Government that continued encouragement of the anti-British movement will render it impossible to improve relations with Japan.

B.F.R.D.C. EFFORTS IN CHINA

London, To-day.

Sir Herbert Phillips, speaking at the annual meeting of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China yesterday, emphasised the unanimity with which the most diverse religious bodies, from Buddhists to Roman Catholics, co-operated in distributing relief.

He paid a warm tribute to Sir Robert Calder Marshall, a "tower of strength" to the Fund's executive committee in Shanghai, and also to the assistance of many businessmen, doctors and missionaries.

Sir Herbert said \$5,000,000 was needed between January and June this year. He was sure that Britain, whose generosity was deeply appreciated in China, would continue to help. The secretary, Dr. Gordon Thompson, said the Fund had now reached £217,000. Over £14,000 had been received from last September despite the European war and in addition to quantities of materials.—Reuter.

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Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that according to the latest information 25 missionary stations had been evacuated in the four provinces, including ten hospitals.

As a result of representations to the Japanese Government some improvement recently had taken place.

Mr. Hannah: Does the Japanese Government want to improve relations with this country?

No answer was given.

Sir C. Gibson (Cons) asked whether alternative steps had been taken as regards the accommodation of the mission stations.

Mr. Butler: The matter has been taken in hand.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND SOVIET

London, To-day.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, called on the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, yesterday afternoon.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns the conversation dealt with the question of resumption of Anglo-Soviet trade.

It is understood Lord Halifax made certain observations on the last Soviet communication and requested further information on various matters of detail.—Reuter.

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NAVAL OFFICER ON TRIAL: CASE FOR CROWN

ALLEGATIONS THAT KENNETH DUNCAN BRUCE, 24-YEAR-OLD ENGINEER OFFICER ATTACHED TO ONE OF H. M. SHIPS, DRANK A BEER AND NINE WHISKIES AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE DAY AND THAT, WITHOUT REGARD TO SAFETY, DROVE A CAR RECKLESSLY, KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED A CHINESE, LAM SHING-CHI, AT ABOUT 2.30 A.M. ON MARCH 4, WERE MADE BY THE CROWN AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING.

Accused is charged with the manslaughter of the Chinese and is represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior, instructed by Mr. B. D. Evans. The Crown is represented by Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor. The jury comprised Messrs. J. F. Lawrie (Foreman), V. P. Santos, J. Mar, Chan Hung-ching, B. A. Young, Wong Shiu-wa, and J. W. Bundred.

Opening the case before Sir Atholl MacGregor, Mr. Murphy said that a black saloon car knocked down and killed Lam Shing-chi at about 2.30 a.m. on March 4, in Hennessy Road.

The car was driven by accused. At about noon on March 3, he said, accused, in the company of another man, drove to Shatin Club where they stayed until 8 p.m. In the course of the afternoon, accused signed for six beers and four whiskies—drinking one beer and four whiskies himself.

At about 10 p.m. at Mac's Cafeteria he had a whisky-soda.

At about 10.45 p.m. at the Lido, Repulse Bay, he had another whisky-soda and after drinking his soup he left at 11.15 p.m. He appeared sober when he left.

A GAP

Between 11.15 p.m. and 1 a.m. there was a gap which the prosecution had been unable to fill.

At 1 a.m., however, a man dressed in blue uniform, who was not identified as accused, entered the To Yuen Restaurant at West Point. He wanted a drink but was refused, according to the conditions of the licence which forbids the serving of drinks and meals to Europeans. The man then left.

About the same time, a ricksha coolie was taking a fare to the Nam Ping Hotel in Des Voeux Road Central.

The ricksha was travelling some six feet from the left side of the road. A black saloon car, coming from behind, drove between the left side of the road and the ricksha, struck the rickshaw and tore off the mudguard.

There was sufficient room on the right side for the car to pass.

Evidence, said Mr. Murphy, would be given that accused arrived at the Tai Yuen Restaurant, No. 205, Des Voeux Road West, sat down in a cubicle and in the course of his stay joined a party of Chinese and drank three whisky-sodas, served from whisky sample bottles. He left 1.45 a.m.

THE ACCIDENT

At 2.30 a.m., Lam See-king, walking in Hennessy Road, saw another man, in a white jacket and dark trousers, approaching him from the opposite direction. He would say that he heard a car coming from behind, that the car passed Fenick Street junction and then turned completely round, proceeded on the wrong side of the road, knocked down the other man, and drove on.

The man knocked down was the deceased, Lam Shing-chi.

The car which knocked him down was a black saloon car.

The road was dry.

The lighting was good.

There were no pedestrians.

At 3 a.m., a police sergeant who arrived found broken glass in the street. The man knocked down was dead, lying opposite No. 74, Hennessy Road.

At 4 a.m., police found a black saloon car at Tonnochy Road junction, 700 yards away from the scene.

Accused was sleeping in the car, which was damaged. Accused was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital and at 5.15 a.m. made a statement in which he said he remembered colliding with a man in Wanchai.

The accused, said Mr. Murphy, was

DOCTOR'S BLACK-OUT OFFENCE

Dr. S. Tomlinson, of Kowloon Hospital, was before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, for failing to obscure his car lights during the "Black-Out" on April 11.

An Air Raid Warden stated that at 7.15 p.m.—before the actual "Black-Out"—but after the sun-set—he saw the doctor's car with unscreened rear lights in front of Star Theatre.

Dr. Tomlinson said he had not intended to use the car that night. He was cautioned.

For failing to report an accident on April 17 in Tai Po Road, P. Calderara, of Keller and Company, was fined \$5. He said he thought it was not necessary to report as there was no damage to the lorry with which he collided.

W. C. Simpson, of the Land Office, P.W.D., who had a clean driving record for 14 years, was cautioned for speeding throughout Nathan Road controlled area. He agreed that he might have been driving at 28 m.p.h. as his speedometer was out of order.

Miss Irene Chan, of No. 202, Cheungshawan Road, was fined \$4 for leaving her car in Shanghai Street longer than necessary to pick up or set down passengers. It was alleged that the car was left in that narrow through-fare between 11.50 a.m. and 12.20 p.m. on April 21.

TWO PISTOLS FOUND

An application for confiscation of a revolver and 10 rounds of ammunition was made by Inspector Russell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The revolver loaded with five rounds, and five rounds loose, were found wrapped in a piece of paper, inside the yard of No. 231, Main Street West on the afternoon of May 4.

The application was granted.

A Police report this morning stated that an automatic pistol and a clip of ammunition was taken to No. 2, Police Station yesterday by a 14-year-old Chinese boy, who found them in the harbour off Gloucester Road.

most helpful in assisting the police.

PIECE OF WOOD

A piece of wood was found on the running board of the car. The Crown alleged that the piece of wood was part of the ricksha mudguard torn off by a car at West Point, and that accused was the driver of that car.

At 7.30 a.m., accused was taken to the No. 2 Police Station and an hour later a naval officer arrived.

In reply to this naval officer, accused was alleged to have said: "I have killed a man—a Chinese. I knocked him down with my car."

When charged with manslaughter, accused answered: "I have nothing to say."

The case is continuing this afternoon.

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DEBATE IN THE LORDS

Lord Strabolgi Critical Of Government

Uneasy About Whether They Will Mend Their Ways

London, To-day.

LORD STRABOLGI MOVED a motion in the House of Lords yesterday at the request of the leader of the opposition calling attention to "the conduct of the war generally and particularly to the operations in Norway."

Opening with a tribute to the gallantry and devotion to duty of the Services in Scandinavia, Lord Strabolgi made particular mention of the "magnificent quality" of airmen from the Dominions.

He contended there was considerable uneasiness about the Government's conduct of affairs, and still more about the possibility of their mending their ways.

The Norwegian operations were a symptom of a disease which must be treated quickly or become chronic. The disease was that there were defects both in the methods and personnel of the Government.

He said he and his party agreed we were perfectly right in immediately sending what help we could.

But the German plan for attacking Norway in a world war had been known in detail for some years by the combined General Staffs and the three fighting Services.

Men At Top

That knowledge had not percolated upwards and Mr. Chamberlain was able to say we were taken completely by surprise.

The fact was the men at the top were so occupied with departmental work that they were not free to devote their minds to the prosecution of the war.

Lord Strabolgi criticised the Government for not realising quickly enough that Trondheim was the key to the whole situation and then not making a direct attack on the port, which "of course would have succeeded."

The present operations at Narvik were of great importance. Other plans must be formulated and the Germans cleared out of Norway.

He himself considered there should be a select committee of inquiry into the campaign.—Reuter.

Lord Halifax's Speech

Replying for the Government, Lord Halifax said: "It is not possible for anyone in Lords or Commons to draw any distinction between the Prime Minister and every other member of the War Cabinet who has been in complete accord with him and with him shares full responsibility for what has been done."

"I cannot claim that no mistakes were made but I am in no way disposed on behalf of the Government to adopt the apologetic posture of a defendant."

"If members of the Government, bringing as they certainly do to the problems of government very different minds and judgment, are unanimous on a certain course, and if they reach conclusions—as they did—without delay and with the assistance of the best technical advice they can command, it is not an unfair deduction that others—perhaps Government critics—on the same information would have reached conclusions not dissimilar."

Lord Halifax said he didn't minimise the damage the withdrawal brought to the whole Allied prestige and its effect on neutrals, and he thought it had been very great.

Exaggerated Hopes

It was largely due to exaggerated expectations but the damage would

have been far worse if the Allies had persisted in an effort which, at continuing cost, could not have been relied on to produce the desired result.

The attempt was well worth making. We decided to cut our losses in order to operate elsewhere.

Lord Halifax, dealing with the criticism that we were not bringing effective and timely help to neutrals, said that if the Allies won the war there were certain assurances for those enslaved by Nazi tyranny.

If we failed, the victims of Nazi aggression would have no hope whatever of restoration.

We are facing, he said, the most dangerous challenge this country has ever had to meet, a challenge which demands every ounce of energy, material, intellectual and spiritual, that this country can summon to the task.

He deprecated the delusion that there was a short cut to victory.

Immense Strain

He had never, he said, disguised from himself what an immense strain would be imposed on us or that it would largely depend on our capacity to keep steady and marshal our effort without waste or dissipation of vital energy.

Therefore he hoped that the Government would not be deflected from their main purpose but would be permitted to act as and when it appeared to them in the light of the best possible technical advice with the action best calculated to achieve the result.

He would be greatly alarmed if amateur strategists who were shouting for immediate action had the command of affairs. Nothing would more lead to disaster than to yield to the temptation for large-scale adventures.

Dealing with Mr. Churchill's new duties, Lord Halifax hoped the result would be to give valuable assistance in the direction of the higher strategy of the war.

Replying to questions as to whether matters of supply would fall within Mr. Churchill's purview, Lord Halifax said he did not doubt that Mr. Churchill would naturally be in a position to have any investigation he wished made into the question of supply and to suggest any improvements in organisation and he could bring any bottleneck questions to the Cabinet for solution.

War Cabinet

In a reference to the construction of a war Cabinet and the suggestion of a smaller non-departmental body, Lord Halifax said that they all wanted the same thing, namely, the despatch of business as efficiently as might be, but it would be very rash to assume that all the advantages in this argument were on one side.

There was a very real danger that apparent simplification would simply introduce another cog into the machine and cause additional delay. They all had one purpose—the winning of the war—and if it was at any time thought that other men could do the job better, certainly no men-

ber of the Government as far as he was aware would be unwilling to be relieved of a responsibility that could bring no personal satisfaction but only a burden that at times must be well-nigh insupportable.

Nobody who was doing his best would have the right to mind but ought to welcome the pointing out of mistakes.

Essential Unity

Lord Snell said the Labour Party wished to re-assert in the strongest way the essential unity of the nation concerning the principles for which the country was at war.

"There has not been nor will there be either a retreat or a division."

"In resisting the evil trinity of might against right, despotism against freedom, and totalitarianism against democracy, there are no parties or divisions."

Lord Birdwood's View

Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood said it was wrong to describe the evacuation of central Norway as a disaster; it would not influence our final victory.

He regarded the evacuation as a definite achievement of valour but very different from what happened at Gallipoli, where our troops were taken right away from the theatre of war, while in Norway they were being retained for such operations as might be thought advisable after full consultation with the Staff.

He trusted the Government would agree that in future the whole object would be to strike hard night and day irresistibly.

He hoped the British and French troops would be employed in never-ending raids on the whole of the German communications.

The small German detachments should be absolutely wiped out and the Norwegian people would be behind them in that.

Airman's Attitude

Air Marshal Trenchard was of opinion it was extremely doubtful whether the capture of Trondheim would have given us air superiority. It might have made things a thousand times more dangerous.

Lord Hankey, replying to the debate, spoke of the heroism and competence of our forces in Norway as "a shining example to the nation and a good augury of days to come."

Answering allegations of lack of intelligence reports concerning events, Lord Hankey said: "We had the general knowledge that the enemy had assembled troops and shipping and were practising embarkation and disembarkation."

Plans in Books

"But the Norwegians and Danes themselves have close connections with Germany and yet they had not the slightest idea what was going on. We really could not know more than the Governments of Norway and Denmark."

Regarding the German plans mentioned by Lord Strabolgi, there were of course many books of that kind produced.

It was of course known to the Staffs that these plans existed and we had plans ready for particular emergency operations which would be necessary.

He felt a great deal too much had been made of the dispersal of the Finnish expedition.

In all circumstances the Government did not feel justified in retaining inactive all these forces and mobilising shipping required for other purposes.

"I am convinced our decision was right and that it made no difference."

Norway's Decision

He submitted that our plan of campaign was as good as could be devised without previous consultation with Norway, to which, for reasons well known, Norway had been unable to agree.

Norway's decision placed us under a grave disadvantage at all stages of the affair. Without preliminary conversations no plans could be con-

LIBERAL ATTITUDE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MARQUIS OF CREWE, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION LIBERALS, SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE, RECOGNISED THAT THE GERMANS HAD HAD TO PAY A VERY CONSIDERABLE PRICE FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN NORWAY.

He imagined their losses were probably greater than the monthly average of Germans killed in France during 1916 or 1917.

He hoped the debate would prove salutary as showing the country was not altogether satisfied with the way the war was being carried on.—Reuter.

certed to forestall the kind of aggression the Germans carried out, and we were not sufficiently informed about the Norwegian plans and military dispositions.

It was very difficult going to help a country against sudden attack if one was unable to concert arrangements beforehand. We were forestalled in the Norwegian ports because the enemy was not bound by any scruples corresponding to those binding us.

No charge of lack of vigour or decision could be sustained in respect of the Navy or Air Force.

Political Issues

As far as Narvik was concerned he did not think it could be maintained for a moment that the Government or the Services had displayed the smallest lack of vigour or decision.

In regard to central Norway, he said the political advantages of the action were so over-riding as to justify some risk. The Government did not underrate the risks but decided without a moment's unnecessary delay that these risks should be run.

It was not necessary or advisable that he should attempt to state the precise reasons why a naval bombardment of Trondheim was not undertaken. It would involve a mass of detail and assist the enemy.

He added the Government took the decision after giving full consideration to the opinion of its responsible advisers.

Trondheim Landing

Referring to the landing of troops in the Trondheim area, Lord Hankey mentioned that on April 20 a ship in convoy loaded with anti-aircraft guns, motor transport and other valuable stores, was torpedoed and sunk.

It was the only transport sunk during the whole campaign and it was a particularly serious loss at that juncture.

Lord Hankey deprecated an inquiry and said the setback would not prevent us winning the war.

He pointed out the operations in Norway had drawn some eight or nine German divisions and a huge air force away from the main theatre of war into Norway, where they had sustained very heavy casualties. We ought not to be depressed at the withdrawal but take comfort from the fact that our forces had comforted themselves in a manner equal to the great traditions of the past.

No Division Taken

Lord Halifax said it did not matter from the point of view of the Government that a large percentage of criticism was bound to be only partially informed and yet, at the same time, based upon fuller knowledge than was available to the Government when they took their action, but when the effect of the criticism was to suggest to the country that its war effort was misconceived and misapplied by those responsible for its direction, then he thought the criticism defeated its own ends and could only add unnecessarily and unprofitably to the inevitable strain of the war.

No division was taken in the House of Lords.—Reuter.

TELL THE PEOPLE THE FACTS

—MR. ALEXANDER

London, To-day.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, winding up the Commons debate for the Opposition, paid a tribute to the work of the fighting Services in the last four difficult weeks in Scandinavia.

In pressing for a change in outlook and, if necessary, in the composition of the Government, Mr. Alexander said they were doing so because they knew the feeling in many parts of the country in regard to those forces who were in Norway.

While it was true there had been no split in this country over the serious situation which had arisen, it was also true that the people of this country expected and demanded that when their men went to fight for their country, freedom and liberty, they should

PACIFIC FLEET STAYING AT HAWAII

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

The Navy Department has approved the request by Admiral James Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations at Honolulu, that the Pacific Fleet remains in Hawaiian waters in order to effect training manoeuvres.—Havas.

be sent under proper conditions as far as possible.

What We Have To Meet

"Our objective is to do all we can to see that things are put into such order that there may be no shadow of doubt that the victory we require shall be attained.

"We have done our best to let the country know what we are up against."

He was entitled to say that on the

ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's communique states: In the region east of Nied, the enemy attempted a raid which was repulsed by the fire of the outpost attacked, of artillery and of a support party which at once went into action. — Reuter.

contrary it had been mostly from members of the Government that statements have emanated which may have led sections of the population to believe everything was going well.

Over-Optimism

"Few of us realised months ago that we should be losing our food resources in the Scandinavian countries or that we might be so soon be faced with the loss of food supplies we have taken from Holland.

"We have been given over and over again most optimistic reports about what are the facts of the food situation.

"We should tell the people the real facts and get them to organise on a basis of true war economy.

"I am profoundly disappointed with the amount of information the Prime Minister is able to give us."

He was also not satisfied with the explanations from Sir Samuel Hoare and Mr. Oliver Stanley.—Reuter.

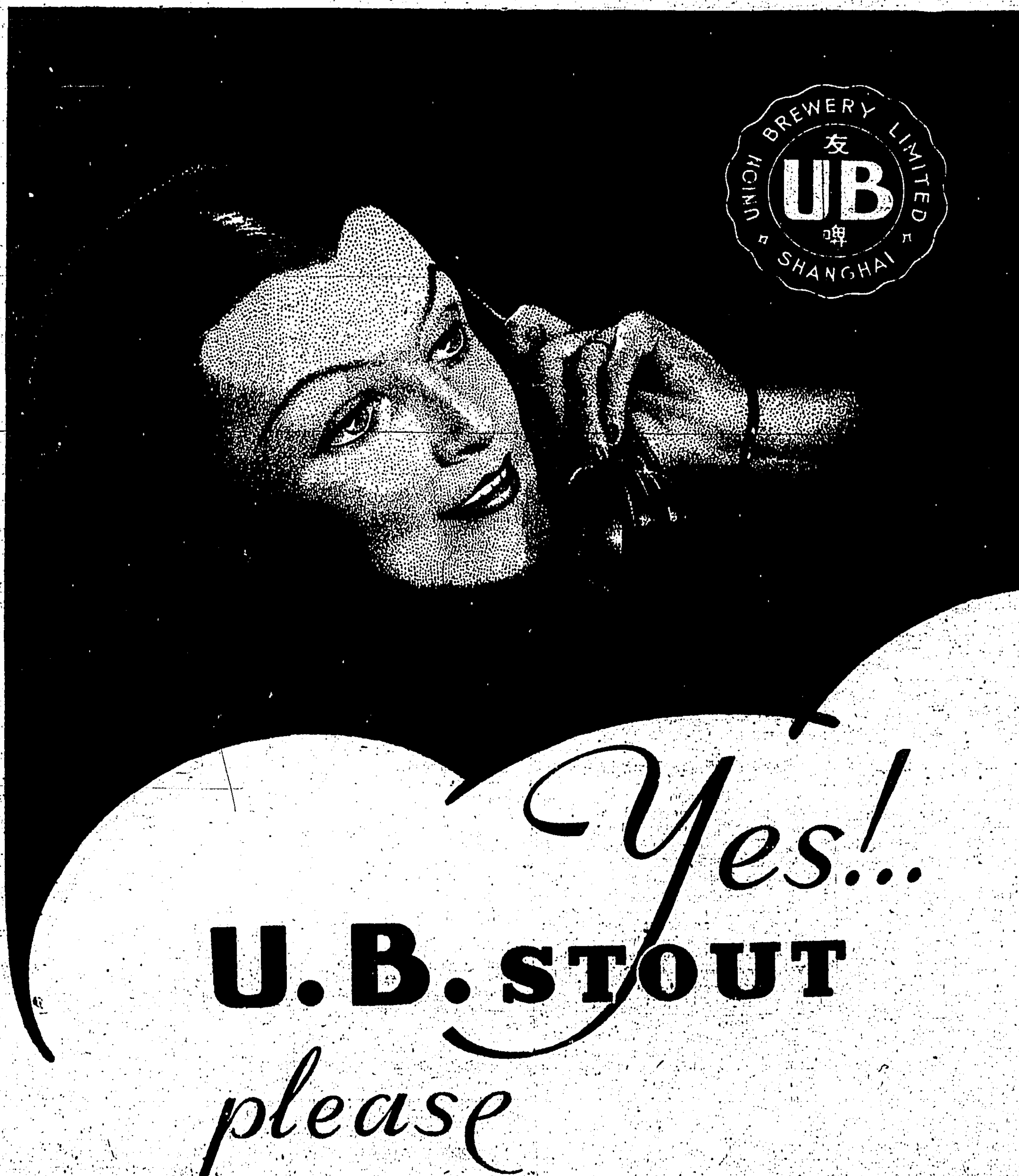
SENSE OF PAST ERROR

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BERNE NEWSPAPER "TRIBUNE DE GENEVE" COMMENTS: "THE SENSE OF PAST ERRORS MERELY CONFIRMS THE BRITISH PEOPLE'S DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THE STRUGGLE WITH INCREASED AND UNTIRING ENERGY AND NOT TO LAY DOWN ARMS BEFORE THE FINAL VICTORY.

"Acceptance of the Government's financial plans proves acceptance of every sacrifice. Criticisms all tend in the same direction: to strengthen the means placed at the disposal of the High Command in order to break the German will and hegemony and compel her to disgorge her gains."

The "Jurnal de Geneve" says: "Hitler doubtless is the first to recognise that his rapid conquests will not guarantee final victory however much it flatters German amour propre. History has always shown those who over-develop power on the Continent will be ultimately defeated by adversaries dominating the ocean." — Reuter.



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Mr. Lloyd George And Mr. Morrison Call For Mr. Chamberlain's Resignation

LONDON, TO-DAY.
MR. HERBERT MORRISON (LABOUR), OPENING THE SECOND DAY OF THE DEBATE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S CONDUCT OF THE WAR, EMPHASISED THE GRAVITY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

Mr. Morrison said: "We must be sternly critical about the handling of events and refer to certain persons. We are not actuated by partisan considerations; I would sing the praises of anyone instrumental in winning the war."

Mr. Morrison declared that the more the debate proceeded the more Ministers appeared to be open to censure.

He complained that Mr. Churchill, who had considerable responsibility for the operations, would be heard last, when there could be no comment on his evidence.

Mr. Morrison described the scattering of the expeditionary force prepared for Finland as "an amazing action."

"I wonder whether the Government took the pledge to Norway seriously as an essential part of the war operations, or as merely discharging a moral obligation to protect themselves from criticism?"

Questions

Mr. Morrison then asked when were the Government first informed of the German move against Norway and Denmark?

When did the first message arrive of the movement of German transports and how soon afterwards was there a real move?

As regards the laying of mines off the Norwegian coast, Mr. Morrison said: "To tell Hitler what you are going to do before you do it is profoundly unwise."

"The Government ought to have had surveys of docks, harbours, fjords and aerodromes, so as to know where to get and to get there quickly."

"It looks as if none of these things were done."

The Morrison Black List

Mr. Morrison named Mr. Chamberlain, Sir John Simon and Sir Samuel Hoare as unequal to their task and as, more than any other men, respon-

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sible for not avoiding war.

He announced that the Labour Opposition would divide the House at the end of the evening.—Reuter.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S ONSLAUGHT

LONDON, TO-DAY.
MR. LLOYD GEORGE, SPEAKING IN THE COMMONS DEBATE, SAID THE FACTS GIVEN BY SIR SAMUEL HOARE WERE NO DEFENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The first instalment of the British forces which went to Norway ought to have been picked men. The Germans had picked men.

Britain sent a Territorial brigade which had not had very much training. That was the advance party of a force which had to accomplish a task upon which the success of the whole force depended.

"We ought to have had combination and combined action between the army and navy. We had neither. We gambled on the chance of getting air bases."

"The whole of this vital expedition, which would have made a vast difference to this country strategically, and an infinite difference to their prestige in the world, was made dependent upon this half-prepared, half-baked expeditionary force without any combination between the army and navy."

There could not have been a more serious condemnation of the action of the Government in Norway when they knew perfectly well the Germans were preparing for a raid on some adjoining country and probably in the Baltic.

Fools Of Gallant Men

"We are all proud to read of the gallantry of our men. All the more shame that we should make fools of them. (Opposition cheers)."

"In my experience of war direction I never tried to minimise a disaster. You must face facts to restore the position."

"There is no cause for panic (general cheers) but there is grave cause for pulling ourselves together. 'You won't rouse the British Empire, as you must to put forth its strength, until you tell it what is really the peril.'"

"We need real action, not the sham action we have had. A petty cash balance sheet of losses on either side is no use. (Cheers)."

"Strategically we are in a much worse position than before. The greatest triumph of this extraordinary man Hitler has been that he has put us into greater jeopardy than his predecessors did in 1914."

Strategic Losses

"One strategic advantage we handed over was Czecho-Slovakia, with a million of the finest troops in Europe gone."

MR. CHAMBERLAIN TAKES UP CHALLENGE

London, To-day.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING Mr. Herbert Morrison's speech in the House of Commons the Prime Minister rose — almost sprang — to the despatch box and said: "The words which Mr. Morrison has just uttered make it necessary for me to intervene for a moment or two at this stage."

"Mr. Morrison began his speech by emphasising the gravity of the occasion. The challenge he has thrown at the Government in general, and the attack he has made on them and upon me in particular, makes it graver still."

"Naturally, as head of the Government, I accept the primary responsibility for the actions of the Government, but it is grave, not because of personal considerations—none of us would for a moment desire to hold on to office for a moment longer than we retain the confidence of this House—but because I warned the House yesterday that this is a time of national danger."

"We are facing a relentless enemy who must be fought by the united action of this country."

"It may well be that it is a duty to criticise the Government."

Challenge Accepted

"I don't seek to evade criticism but I say to my friends in this House—and I have friends in the House (loud Government cheers)—that no Government can prosecute a war efficiently unless it has public and parliamentary support."

"I accept the challenge. I welcome it indeed. At least we shall see who is with us and who against us."

"I call on my friends to support us in the lobby to-night." (Cheers).—Reuter.

Mr. Duff Cooper

London, To-day.

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper said the Commons debate had showed the Government would be insufficiently impressed by the speeches they had heard and the information that must have reached them through private sources, to take the drastic steps for the reform so urgently needed.

He resented the Prime Minister's appeal to the affection of his friends, and it was with the deepest reluctance that he was obliged to signify the lack of confidence he felt in the present administration by going into the lobby against it. — Reuter.

PROFESSOR KOHT NOW IN PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Professor Koht, Norwegian Foreign Minister, and Colonel Ljungberg, Defence Minister, reached Le Bourget aerodrome from London yesterday.

They were the guests at luncheon of MM. Reynaud, Chautemps and Daladier, many French officials and the Norwegian Ambassador to Paris being present.—Hayas.

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anti-cyclone has developed over N. China; pressure is relatively low over Indo-China and a depression is situated in the vicinity of Hokkaido.

"I say now solemnly that the Prime Minister can give an example of sacrifice because I can tell him one thing."

"There is nothing which would contribute more to a victory in this war than that he should sacrifice the scale of office." (Loud Labour cheers and Government counter-cheers).—Reuter.

"What is the second? You had the Franco-Russian alliance, by which Russia was to come to the aid of Czecho-Slovakia, and there would have been a new war front for Germany."

"What happened? Russian ships are now crossing the Black Sea with oil for the aeroplanes of Germany."

"Thirdly there is Rumania. Germany practically has Rumania in her hands. If they didn't have a month ago, by this policy in Norway we have handed them Rumania."

"As regards Spain, I hope my fears about that country will not prove true. 'Now you've got Scandinavia in German hands.'"

Sweden's Place

"It is no use criticising Sweden. What right have we to criticise them?"

"We promised to rescue. We promised to protect. We never sent an aeroplane to Poland. We were too late in Norway."

"The German occupation of Norway brings German aeroplanes and submarines 200 miles nearer our coast."

"There was a promise to Poland, a promise to Norway, a promise to Finland. Our promissory notes are now rubbish in our hands. (Loud cries of 'Shame' from Government supporters and cheers from the Labour benches)."

"Tell me now one little country that will be prepared to stand up to the Nazis upon a mere promise from us. What is the use in not facing facts?"

Everybody Dissatisfied

Everybody was dissatisfied with the war effort of this country and agreed with the Prime Minister that "we must face the position and face it with the people and not as personal issues."

Mr. Lloyd George in conclusion said the Prime Minister had appealed for sacrifices from the nation, which was ready so long as "you give confidence to them that those who are leading them are doing their best for them."

FRANK SPEAKING BY MR. CHURCHILL

LONDON, TO-DAY.
MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, REPLYING FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID: "A NEW ISSUE WAS SPRUNG UPON THE HOUSE AT 5 O'CLOCK AND WE ARE INVITED TO CONSIDER ALL THE FAULTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND A VOTE OF CENSURE IS TO BE TAKEN UNEXPECTEDLY WITH ONLY THIS LITTLE NOTICE, ON THE ADJOURNMENT TO-NIGHT."

Regarding the Norwegian campaign, and the general war situation, Mr. Churchill said: "In this war we are frequently asked why we do not take the initiative. The reason for this serious disadvantage of our not having the initiative is one which cannot speedily be removed.

"It was our failure in the last five years to maintain or regain air parity with Germany. In the last two years the opposition parties came round and gave great and valuable aid, but the fact remains we have failed to achieve air parity, which was considered to be vital to our security.

"Our numerical deficiency in the air—in spite of our superiority in quality both in men and materials—has condemned us, and will condemn us, for some time to come, to a great deal of difficulty, suffering and danger, which we must endure with firmness until more favourable conditions can be established, as assuredly they will be.

"It is no use talking about this war in terms of the last war. Air power has greatly affected it. In some ways it has decisively affected the movements of fleets and armies.

Deadly Due

"We must not exaggerate this new factor but neither must we refuse to give it its deadly due."

Mr. Churchill, continuing, said Mr. Alexander had asked why we didn't touch enemy communications in the Skagerrak, for our present naval preponderance ought to make it feasible for us to dominate the Skagerrak with our surface ships and thus cut communications with Oslo from the first moment and continuously.

"But the immense enemy air strength, which can be brought to bear on our patrolling craft, has made this method far too costly to be adopted.

"Important forces would have to be employed in order to maintain a surface patrol and losses which would be inflicted on that patrol from the air would undoubtedly very soon constitute a naval disaster.

Submarine Blockade

"I am so sorry these things should be so. We therefore adopted the submarine blockade as the only method at our disposal and in doing this I followed the opinion of the naval authorities.

"There is a great deal of difference about being responsible for an order, which may lose several valuable ships and in expressing an opinion without such responsibility.

"I have been guided in the advice I gave the Cabinet by responsible naval expert opinion. Therefore we limited our operations in the Skagerrak to submarines.

"In order to make that blockade as effective as possible the usual restrictions which we had imposed on the action of our submarines were relaxed.

"All German ships, by day and night, were to be sunk as opportunity served.

Costly German Success

"This statement that I made was most foolishly and grotesquely twisted into a statement that all German

ships would be sunk. Nobody can give so absurd a promise as that.

"This has been a costly German success. Seven or eight thousand men have been drowned and thousands of corpses have been washed up."

Replying to a question why we did not send big ships into Narvik on the first day with the destroyers, Mr. Churchill said the reason was that the only one available was a battle-cruiser. We had only two battle-cruisers and we felt it would be a very great danger to the balance of the Fleet if we lost one of them.

The authorities at the Admiralty when Warspite went in to Narvik were very much relieved to find no controlled minefields had been laid in the fjord and no destroyer was lurking in some narrow angle to fire its bouquet of torpedoes.

"Things are very different when looked at beforehand and looked at afterwards. What would have been said if Warspite had been sunk?

"It was madness to send one of our most valued ships into narrow congested waters. If you dare and forfeit is exacted, it is murder-of-your-sailors, and if prudence withholds you, you are craven, cowardly, inept and timid.

The First Few Hours

"We were asked why we didn't go into Bergen, Trondheim and other ports in the first few hours.

"If troops had not been landed the only object in going into the fjord would have been to destroy such enemy destroyers as were there. These were largely destroyed from the air by the Fleet Air Arm.

"There is no dispute it was our duty to do our best to help the Norwegians and for that the capture of Trondheim was the best way.

"My thoughts had always been fixed on Narvik. There, it seems, is a path that may lead to some decisive achievement in the war.

"But when the German outrage occurred there was no dispute. We were bound to go to the aid of the Norwegians and Trondheim was the place.

Diversionary Landings

"A plan was prepared by the joint staffs for two diversionary landings at Namsos and Aandalsnes, and for a direct landing in Trondheim fjord, where enemy forces had seized that port.

"This was undoubtedly a hazardous operation. There was the fact that a very large number of valuable ships would have to be continuously exposed for many hours to air attack and possibly with grievous losses.

"Nevertheless the Navy were perfectly ready to carry troops in. No doubt was entertained about their ability to do so.

Plan Changed

"Why then was this plan, timed for April 25, abandoned? It was ab-

andoned because on April 17 the two diversionary landings had made good progress and it seemed easier to capture Trondheim by this method than incur a heavy cost in a direct attack.

"The Admiralty never withdrew their offer or considered the operation impracticable in the naval aspect.

"Grave doubts were entertained by the military in regard to the possibility of making a landing in the face of the enemy air superiority.

"In those circumstances the Chiefs of Staff and the Vice-Chiefs, without the slightest difference of opinion, advised it would be less costly and easier to convert the diversionary landings into a main attack.

"Nobody has the right to suggest the Navy withdrew from their undertaking or that the politicians overruled the Admiralty.

Situation Changed

"I take full responsibility, together with the Prime Minister and other Ministers, for having adopted unanimously the view of our expert advisers.

"I thought they were right on the information we had. I see no reason to alter my view by what I have learned since.

"However, the situation rapidly became worse. The German thrust north of Oslo developed at an enormous pace. The Norwegians were unable to hold the mountain passes and did not destroy roads and railways.

Mr. Churchill said that by April 25 or 26 the possibility of the arrival in regions south of Trondheim of very large German forces had to be foreseen.

Intense Bombing

At the same time the intense continuous bombing of the bases at Namsos and Aandalsnes prevented the landing at those small fishing ports of any large reinforcements and even of artillery and many supplies for the troops on shore.

It was therefore necessary to withdraw the troops or leave them to be destroyed by overwhelming forces.

The decision to withdraw was undoubtedly sound. (Government cheers). The withdrawal was accomplished with very great skill and with very good luck.

All the responsible naval, military and air authorities principally concerned and the War Cabinet were at every stage united.

Naval Desire

Mr. Herbert Morrison (Labour), intervening, asked if the naval authorities on the spot at Trondheim were willing and anxious to enter Trondheim and whether their desire was countermanded or not sanctioned by Whitehall.

Mr. Churchill replied: "I not only deny it but I give a strong denial. There were no naval authorities on the spot at Trondheim.

"No authorities that we consulted differed from the advice tendered by the Chiefs of Staff and the Vice-Chiefs, and Ministers are not sheltered by the fact that they accept expert advice.

"I always believed the Navy could carry troops into Trondheim fjord and land them to come to grips with the enemy.

"I would have been glad to take

NAZIS ON PREMIER'S SPEECH

Amsterdam, To-day.
The first German newspapers arriving here yesterday carried brief reports of Mr. Chamberlain's Commons speech. Some of the adjectives they apply to it are "lame, lying and cowardly."—Reuter.

all possible responsibility for the attempt provided it was supported by expert opinion.

The Question

"But, even if we assume this view is right—that we could have been masters at Trondheim or its ruins by April 25—could we have brought to bear a sufficient army south of Trondheim to drive the invader back?

"Even if we had at the present time got 25,000 or 30,000 Allied troops into action on that front, which, in view of the enemy's air superiority, is highly questionable, such a force would not have been able to arrive in time or be equipped with artillery or anything like equal air support in time.

"German communications northward were incomparably superior to anything we could obtain at Trondheim and auxiliary landing places in that region. It would have been a costly struggle.

"There are already 120,000 German troops operating in southern and central Norway.

The Facts

"Although we could have thrown in continual reinforcements, I cannot believe there was the slightest chance of ultimate success between an army based on Trondheim and the German army based on Oslo."

Mr. Churchill added that if Sweden had come to Norway's aid and put her airports at the disposal of the R.A.F., a different position might have been established.

NARROW VOTE: NEW CABINET?

London, To-day.

Reuter understands that Mr. Chamberlain will remain in office but the reconstruction of the Government is probable.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE CHAMBERLAIN GOVERNMENT HAD A SENSATIONALLY NARROW ESCAPE IN THE DIVISION IN THE COMMONS LAST NIGHT, THE LABOUR MOTION BEING DEFEATED BY 281 VOTES TO 200.—Havas.

DEEP RECONNAISSANCE BY AIR FORCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

German patrols were sent out in the Nied, Blys and Vosges sectors, but were easily repulsed.

French planes made a deep reconnaissance over Germany and over the German second line of defence. German planes made three or four flights over Eastern France, one as far as the Paris region.—Havas.

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COMMONS DEBATE

SIR SAMUEL HOARE ON WORK OF THE AIR FORCE

London, To-day.

THE SECRETARY FOR AIR, Sir Samuel Hoare, speaking in the Commons debate, said he proposed to concentrate upon the events of the last month and the part taken in those operations by the R.A.F.

The Germans were in control of all strategical aerodromes in central and southern Norway. That was a critical fact which must never be forgotten when they considered the military operations that subsequently took place.

It meant from the very outset the R.A.F. was suffering under a handicap, as their machines had to fly hundreds of miles backwards and forwards across the North Sea, while the enemy had air bases on the spot.

"Our task was to win a foothold in Norway for our fighters and during the time that attempts were being made we did everything in our power to reduce the scale of the air attack that was being launched on our sea bases.

"I can say categorically that there was no delay in starting these operations. Immediately after the entry of the Germans into Norway we made air reconnaissances and within a comparatively few hours we started a series of intensive bombing attacks, not only on aerodromes in Norway but on key aerodromes in Denmark and on one of the key aerodromes in Germany.

Intensive Attacks

"From that day onwards, day after day and night after night, in the face of terrible weather conditions, we maintained these intensive attacks upon those key points.

"I can claim that the effort of the R.A.F. had very definite marked results. We were able first of all very materially to reduce the scale of air attack upon our bases and troops.

"We inflicted on the German air force three times the losses they inflicted on us. (Government cheers). That is a claim based on evidence."

Sir Samuel praised the R.A.F. men and said that in quality they were a match against any enemy, and on reasonably equal terms would take a very heavy toll.

He told how with the first troops, reconnaissance parties were sent to Aandalsnes to search for a piece of level ground that could be used as a landing place.

Landing Place

The only level ground in the neighbourhood consisted of frozen lakes and at the moment the thaw was beginning. Only one suitable landing place was found and the surface was swept clear of snow to form runways. The necessary stores of munitions and petrol were provided and in less than a week it was ready to receive aircraft.

A squadron of Gloucester Gladiators which had already been embarked on an aircraft carrier, were flown off the ship 180 miles from land in a thick snowstorm.

At seven in the evening they landed on the lake and at 10 that night the first patrol was in the air.

37 Air Combats

But the next day eight German bombers took part in an attack on the lake. This attack was continuous for 15 hours. Tons of high explosives fell from the bombers during that period and there were 37 combats.

Six German machines were brought down close to the lake and it was certain that another eight were brought down in the near vicinity.

The squadron leader and night lieutenant thought that no less than 30 Nazi machines were put out of action in the course of the operations.

Mr. Hugh Dalton (Labour) asked if there were any anti-aircraft guns

in the neighbourhood of the frozen lake.

Sinking Of Ships

Sir Samuel Hoare replied: "I am sorry to say there were not. The arrangements for anti-aircraft guns were upset by the sinking of ships, and it was a question of whether to hurry on the squadron or to wait for some further days for anti-aircraft guns.

"On the whole we took a decision to send aeroplanes to engage the German bombers at once."

Sir Samuel added that the effect of the German bombing was that the greater part of the British machines were put out of action on the ground. Not one was brought down in the air.

The cardinal factor was the lack of air bases. British public opinion would not have stood for inaction, and it was inevitable they should take a risk, which was realised from the start.

Everything possible without air bases was done.

Two Lessons

Two lessons had been learnt from the operations in Norway.

Firstly, the superiority of the British fighter over the German bomber, but strong air power must be met by stronger air power.

Secondly, the power of the British air striking force night after night.

The quality of this force was unsurpassed but the quantity was not nearly big enough.

The momentum of production was now gathering speed. "It is much better than it ever has been and there is no reason why it should not become better."

Narvik Area

Answering questions, Sir Samuel said he knew of no German aerodromes in the Narvik area and such seemed extremely unlikely.

The German air force, he continued, was not invincible. Air power, be it German or any other air power, was only invincible when there was not sufficient air power against it.

In this case the Allies had no fighter force to cope with the German bombers. Where they had fighters available they had always shown how well they could cope with the German bombers.

The history of the past eight months had shown the superiority of the British fighter over the German bomber.—Reuter.

BEDOUIN CAVALRY IN EGYPT

Cairo, To-day.

It is disclosed that the Egyptian Arab Legion, the first Bedouin cavalry army in Egypt, which is distributed among the western desert oases, is now ready for service.

The Legion, which is armed with rifles, daggers and grenades and officered by Bedouin, has been organised to wage guerilla warfare.—Reuter.

ITALY LAUNCHING A NEW BATTLESHIP

Paris, To-day.

Italy's fourth 35,000-ton battleship, Roma, is shortly to be launched at Genoa, according to a telegram from Rome.—Reuter.

TENSION EASING IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

LAST NIGHT THE TENSION IN HOLLAND APPEARED MOMENTARILY TO HAVE EASED BUT THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE NOT SLACKENING THEIR VIGILANCE OR DEFENCE PREPARATIONS.

Foreign observers estimate that altogether 600,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and members of the auxiliary services now stand ready.

Nothing appears to have been neglected and even Holland's wide flat roads and other open spaces have, where necessary, been rendered useless as possible landing grounds for troop-carrying planes.

Meanwhile, suspected spies are being rounded up.

Among last night's indications of a slight relaxation in the tension were the announcement of minor exemptions to the general cancellation of leave in the forces and the restoration of the normal schedule to-day on the electrified section of the railways.

As a result of the cancellation of army leave and the recall of all categories already on leave, Holland, according to one political observer, has more men with the colours than she has ever had.

No Illusions

Since the invasion of Norway and Denmark the Dutch have no illusions regarding the fate which may befall any of Germany's neighbours, and the Government's measures therefore have been received with understanding resignation, even with relief, as showing that no event will take Holland by surprise.

It is remarked that visible measures of precaution include the coast.

Nobody suggests Holland could be the victim of British attack and it would rather seem that after the swift German landings in Norway, the possibility of a German attack by sea has re-appeared as a new factor in the situation.

Gestapo's Shadow

Meanwhile, it is reported from a reliable source that numbers of Gestapo men who until recently had been in Poland have been transferred to Aachen, near the Belgian and Dutch frontiers.

In Poland these men followed close behind the advancing German army and were responsible for keeping order and "cleaning up" behind the German lines.—Reuter.

Territorials Not Called Up

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Holland's volunteer territorial troops are not being called up for active duty, the Netherlands Defence Minister stated yesterday. This has helped to lessen the tension.

Well-informed Dutch opinion states that no direct German action is anticipated for the present, but Holland remains fully prepared.

All aerodromes have been "fixed" to prevent mass landings. Concrete blocks have been installed along the runways.

All air bases, main stations and other likely objectives are being guarded by anti-aircraft gun batteries, while troops have taken up positions along the frontiers.

It is estimated that between 500,000 and 750,000 men are now under arms; the territorial troops should bring this up to around 1,500,000 if mobilised.

The Dutch Fleet is at battle stations and ready.

Come what may, Holland will not be taken by surprise.—Havas.

German Denial

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

The German Government officially denies that there is any truth in reports that Nazi columns of troops have moved towards the Netherlands border or that Germany has demanded permission of Hungary that she be allowed to pass her troops through that country.

(Nevertheless, reports that the Germans have asked for permission to pass through Hungary are carried

by the official Hungarian news agency in Budapest).

All Berlin newspapers carry an official Nazi statement saying that all such reports emanate from the "British Ministry of Information."

Germany, it is emphasized in Berlin, is "fully prepared for whatever dangers she may be exposed to" and will act "with paralysing speed" in reprisal against any attempts.—Havas.

No Excuse For Americans Who May Be Caught

Washington, To-day.

Official despatches reaching the State Department since Tuesday have indicated some increase of tension in the Netherlands as the result of fears

of invasion by Germany, stated Mr. Cordell Hull at a press conference yesterday.

He added that American nationals in Holland would have no excuse if they were caught there by any outbreak of hostilities because they have long been advised to leave owing to the threat of war.—Reuter.

Emergency Measures

Amsterdam, To-day.

Following the cancellation of all leave for the army, navy, air force and war industries, railway services have been restricted.

Between Saturday and Monday shipping is barred from all waters south-east of Holland; in this area are the main connections with Germany and Belgium.

From 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily, all telephone communications between the Netherlands and other countries are reserved for Government calls.

The Netherlands Minister in Washington has been appointed General Paymaster for all Dutch officials abroad in case of emergency. Presumably, this will go into effect only if Holland is attacked.—Reuter.

SENNET FRERES SHOOTING: REWARD

A reward of \$500 has been offered by the authorities for information leading to the arrest of either of the two men wanted in connection with the shooting incident at Messrs. Sennet Freres in Pedder Street last week, when the manager of the firm, Mr. J. Dubois, was fatally shot.

40 PLANES ATTACK THE AFRIDI

London, To-day.

Waves of bombing attacks on the destroyer Afridi were described by survivors who reached Portsmouth yesterday from the north.

Survivors estimated that over 500 bombs were dropped before the ship was hit.

Afridi replied with her guns to the attacks which were made in the first place by 40 planes and later by 20.

The crew were rescued by a warship which went alongside.

Afridi sank in about 20 minutes and the captain was the last to leave the ship.—Reuter.

Six Trawlers Lost

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce the loss of six naval trawlers during the Trondheim evacuation.

Two were sunk after air attacks and four so damaged by air attacks that it was not considered available for them to attempt the North Sea crossing and they were accordingly sunk by the British forces.

Casualties among personnel were slight.—Reuter.

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STATE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ON EUROPE PLANNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE on American policy in Europe will be held at the State Department as soon as key-diplomats return to the United States.

The news that Mr. L. Steinhardt, Ambassador to Moscow, was returning from the Soviet Union has been followed up by news that Mr. A. Kirke, Charge d'Affaires in Berlin, is leaving immediately for the United States; they are both expected to arrive about the middle of the month.

They are expected to give Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, a close-up picture of the war from the Soviet and Nazi viewpoints.

Mr. Steinhardt's report is awaited with particular interest, in view of rumours that Stalin is moving away from the close understanding he had with Hitler at the beginning of the war.

Russia is said to be alarmed at the Nazi occupation of Denmark and Norway and the possibilities of a Nazi sphere of influence in Sweden. Stalin, it is said, has no desire to see the Baltic a German Reich!

Eye on Balkans

Moscow is also keeping a close eye on the possibility of a German-Italian move in the Balkans, both because this would bring them nearer the Black Sea, which Moscow looks on as within the Soviet sphere of influence, and because this might affect the Russian claim to the Bessarabian part of Rumania.—Havas.

BUSINESS BOOM ON NORTH CHINA RAILWAYS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.

A business boom is being enjoyed by Manchukuo and North China railways which are proving insufficient to meet the demand not only for goods but also travellers transportation.

Between 60,000 and 65,000 travellers pass daily through Tientsin station to or from Japan, Korea and Manchukuo.

The city authorities estimate that at least 10,000 Tientsin residents daily go to meet friends, thus maintaining a brisk ricksha and taxi trade.—Havas.

PICKED OUT LEAD FROM TOMBSTONES

Chan Kwok-nam, 20, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for stealing five cattles of lead from the Chinese Permanent Cemetery at Aberdeen.

Sergeant Estall said defendant was picking out the lead from characters on the tombstones with a pen-knife.

He was ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute at the expiry of his sentence.

ORIGINS OF THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Russo-German pact was responsible for the present war, declared M. Ludovic Oscar Frossard, the Minister for Information, in a radio speech last night.

Hitler was hesitating, he said, and signature of the pact lifted his apprehensions and decided him.

Flaying the French Communists, M. Frossard said the former Communist party became through the felony of its chiefs the advance guard of enemy propaganda working for Germany.

Absolving the Communist masses, whom he described as honest and sincere, M. Frossard said that when the Russo-German pact was signed the Communist chiefs chose to take their orders from a foreign government working with the enemy.

In a country at war all had to be subordinated to the good of the nation, and Communist propaganda must prepare for defeat.—Havas.

TURKEY WILL MOVE TO DEFENCE OF GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

The Turkish Foreign Minister has informed the Government of Greece that Turkey remains ready to defend Greece against any aggression, it is reported here.

At the same time, the Ankara press reports that Soviet Russia has given similar assurance to the Balkan states, emphasizing Moscow's determination to preserve the status quo there by all means.—Havas.

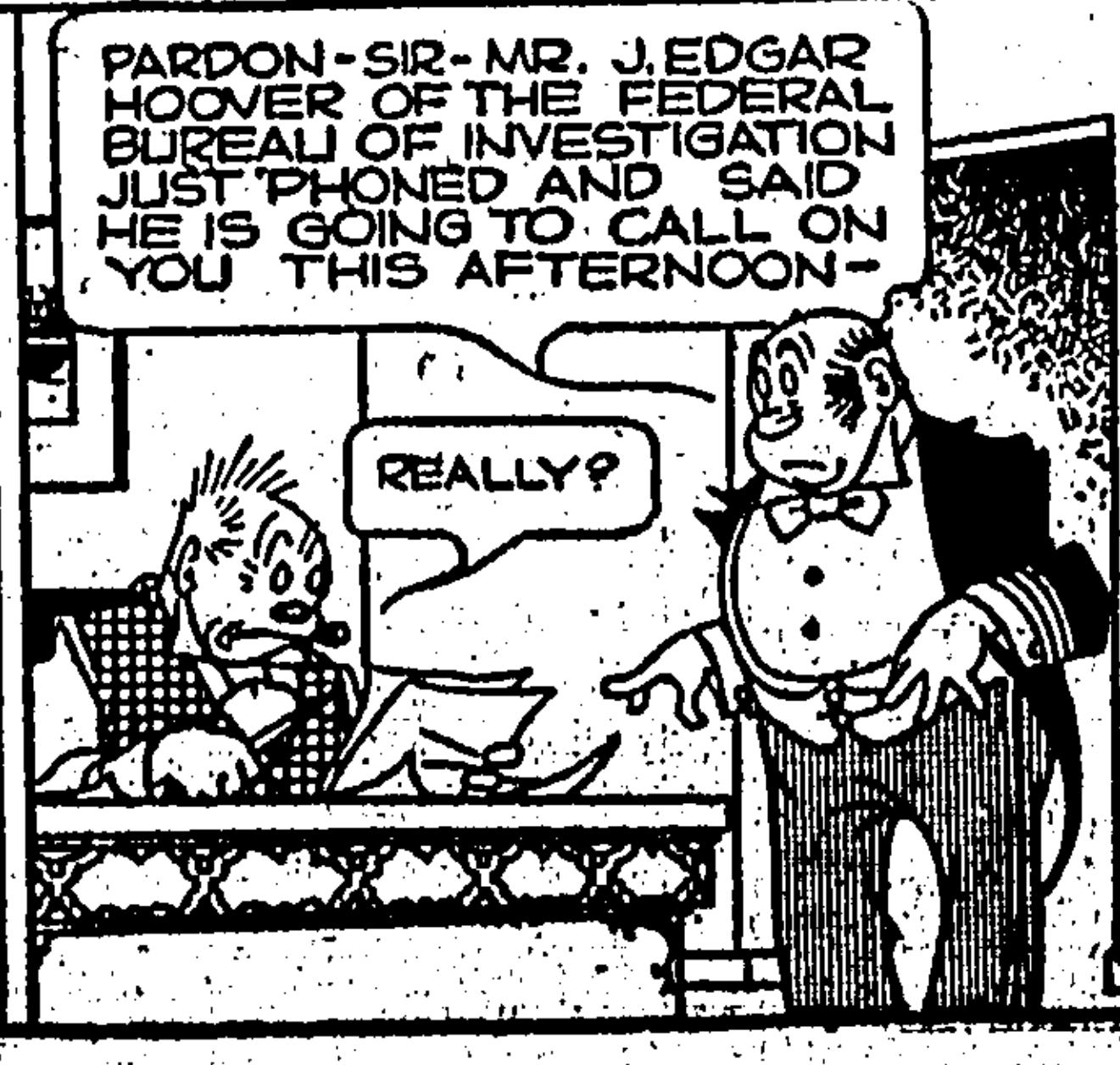
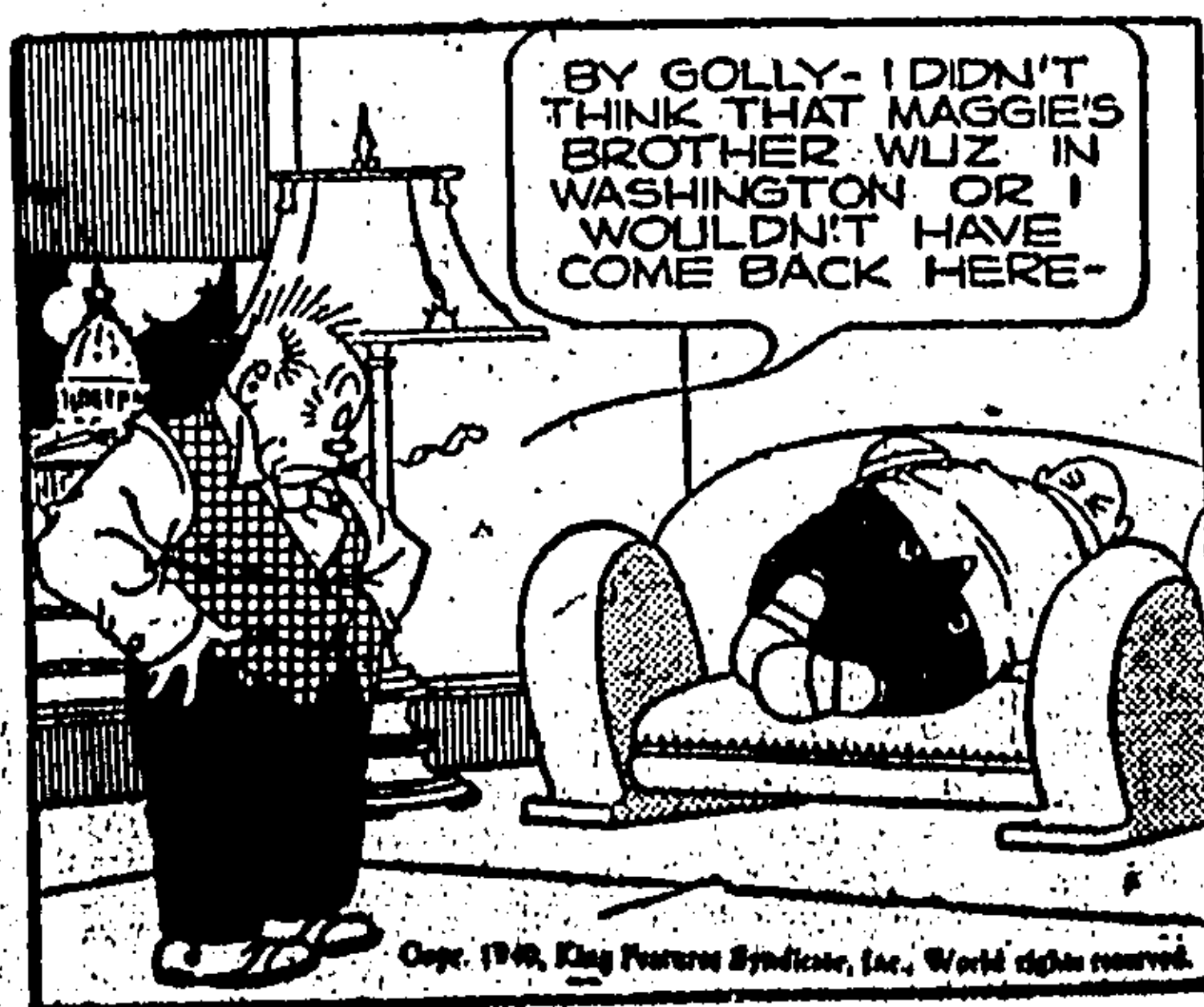
DUTCH NAZI PAPERS PROHIBITED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Two Dutch Nazi newspapers here, the "Het Licht" and "National Dagblad," have been prohibited in the Dutch East Indies. Both papers have been declared guilty of "having grossly infringed Holland's status of neutrality."—Havas.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

BRITAIN'S TERMS FOR SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.
PRIOR TO ENTERING ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOSCOW, BRITAIN WANTS TO BE CONVINCED THAT ANY EVENTUAL AGREEMENT WILL NOT BENEFIT GERMANY, EVEN INDIRECTLY—SUCH, ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED SOURCES, WAS THE GIST OF A COMMUNICATION MADE BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, LORD HALIFAX, TO M. IVAN MAISKY WHEN THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR CALLED ON HIM YESTERDAY.

Semi-official comment is limited to an affirmation that Lord Halifax handed to M. Maisky British remarks in connexion with the recent Soviet Note and asked for an explanation of certain points.

Quarters with an extremely good knowledge of the situation assert Lord Halifax made it clear Britain cannot be satisfied with the Russian assertion that British goods sent to Russia will not be re-exported to the Reich, but also wishes a guarantee these goods will not serve to replace Russian goods thus liberated for export to Germany. — Havas.

NAZI-RUN SWEDISH SHIP SUNK

Stockholm, To-day.

According to reports reaching here, the Swedish ship Monark has been torpedoed off Stavanger by a British submarine while the Germans were trying to use it in Norwegian waters.

The submarine is said to have given those on board time to get away safely in lifeboats. Five Germans were captured, but six others managed to get away and have now reached Bergen. The ship was docked at Bergen when the Nazis invaded Norway. — Havas.

*** A vessel of 1,816 tons, the Monark (ex Helgoey, ex Freda) was built in 1914 and owned by Rederi A/B Monark (Arnold de Champs.)

U.S. TIN LOAN TO NETHERLANDS MOOTED

Washington, To-day.

The possibility of building up tin reserves in the United States by means of a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan to Holland, is being considered by officials of the State, Navy and War Departments.

The plan would involve a loan of about \$50,000,000 as security for which the Dutch would store about 50,000 tons of tin in the United States.

The suggestion has not yet reached the stage of a formal proposal. — Reuter.

INVASION RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE STATE AND WAR DEPARTMENTS DENIED HAVING ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE REPORT PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK THAT GERMAN TROOPS HAVE INVADED HOLLAND.

The report stated that two German columns were advancing into Holland from Bremen and Dusseldorf.

M. Alexander London, Dutch Minister in Washington, also denied having any information. He confirmed that he had been entrusted with Dutch interests abroad in the event of war breaking out with Germany. He specified that he was instructed to pay the expenses of all Dutch diplomatic and consular offices abroad.

A spokesman of the Netherlands Legation said that this measure was proof of Holland's determination to fight, if attacked. — Havas.

SYNTHETIC PETROL FOR CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chengtu, To-day.

The construction of a new plant for manufacturing a synthetic gasoline named natalite is proceeding near Kunming, the Finance and Commerce Chengtu correspondent reports. Natalite is a combination of alcohol and ether.

The National Resources Commission will manage the new plant together with two alcohol factories which have been operating for some time.

Besides forming lawyers, doctors, etc., the National Yunnan University also assists in developing large experimental farms covering 10,000 mow.

All alcohol factories are controlled by the Liquid and Fuel Board which acts also in the ration of oil consumption in the interior. — Havas.

POPE LOSING PEACE HOPE

Vatican City, To-day.

The possibility of the war spreading to other countries was referred to by the Pope in an address to several thousand newly-married couples at the Vatican yesterday.

His Holiness declared: "If human efforts do not now seem strong enough to secure the prompt re-establishment of a just, loyal and lasting peace, men can still pray for Divine intervention to unite once again in peace their children who have been so cruelly divided." — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

A British pursuit plane has been shot down near Narvik, according to the German High Command. — Havas.

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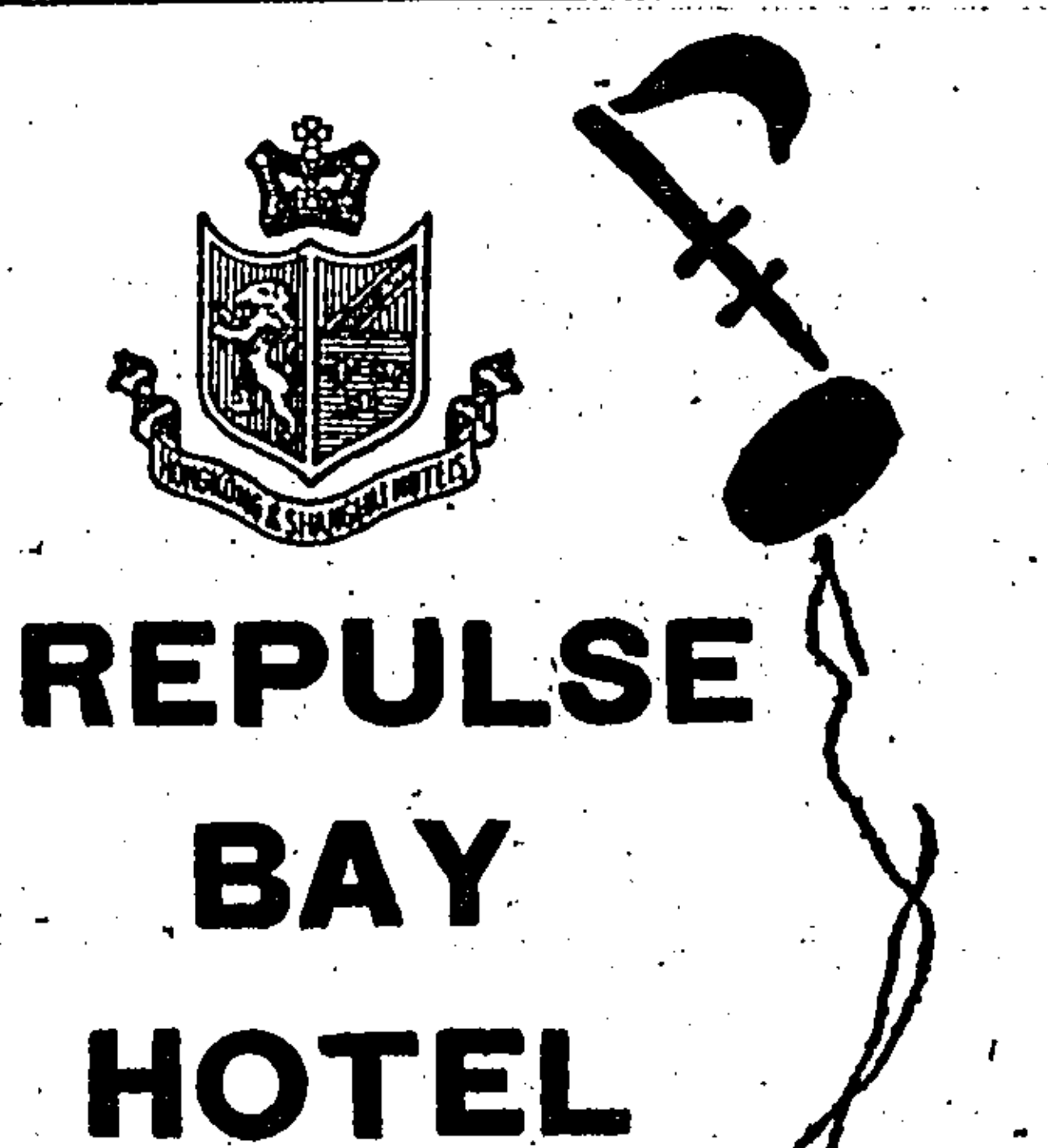


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NATION'S DEMAND OF GOVERNMENT

GET ON: NOT GET OUT

London, To-day.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FACT that the two-day debate in Commons and Lords was held despite opposition by the military was stressed in a broadcast talk yesterday by Mr. Cyril Lakin, Assistant Editor of the "Sunday Times."

There has been a good deal of uneasiness at the Norwegian setback, he said, and criticism from both the Opposition and the Government benches.

Looking back at it, and taking into consideration yesterday's press comment, Mr. Lakin felt that all this showed that the mind and temper of both Parliament and Nation was that they were saying to the Government "Get on!"—not "Get out!"

Everyone realises that it is unfair and futile to form a judgment on a debate when we know that the defence—in the case, the Government—could not reveal all the facts.

Comment has been very favourable about Mr. Churchill's new appointment, in which he is responsible for the supervision of all military operations. The only fear is lest this should be too heavy a load even for him, but that has been provided for.

ON THE DEFENSIVE

The general impression is that the Prime Minister was rather on the defensive, but Mr. Lakin pointed out that it was worth recalling that Mr. Chamberlain had said that his military advisors were against any debate on Norway on the ground it might give information to the enemy.

But the debate was held. The Allies are not only defending democracy; they are defending it democratically. —Reuter.

LEAGUE AND REFUGEES

Geneva, To-day.

An interim report has been issued by the League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The liberal policy of the British Government towards victims of Nazi aggression is being continued, he reports. There have been very few cases in which the concession of personal liberty has been abused by the refugees.

The British Government is most generously helping private bodies looking after 60,000 refugees in Britain and makes a monthly grant of half the expenditure of these bodies, in addition to £100,000 as a lump sum.

At the outbreak of the war, the British Government allowed several thousand refugees, including German children, into Palestine. Immigration to the Colonies and Dominions has been restricted, but not stopped. —Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S ANXIETIES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR SHANGHAI TO CARRY ON SATISFACTORILY WITH THE DOLLAR AT 3D OR THEREABOUTS, REPORTS "FINANCE AND COMMERCE" THE LOCAL FINANCIAL REVIEW.

It is true that when the dollar was established at 4d with the help of the Sino-British Stabilisation Fund Shanghai could take stock of the position and adjust itself slowly to the new conditions, but the problems arising now are in intensely aggravated form, those of the past year when the dollar fell from 1/2½d to 8d, 6d and then 4d.

Hopes that the worst had been weathered with stabilisation are now being irretrievably shattered and the perplexities and anxieties must be faced over again. —Hayas.

SINGAPORE TROUBLE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN REPLY TO A COMMONS QUESTION BY MR. W. PALING (LABOUR), THE COLONIES SECRETARY, MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, GAVE DETAILS OF A DEMONSTRATION BY WORKERS IN SINGAPORE ON MAY 1.

Mr. Paling then asked whether Mr. Macdonald would see that these applications for higher wages and better conditions were not denied on the ground they were merely Communist propaganda.

Mr. Macdonald replied that Chinese workers had asked for increased wages and received them. In this case the agitation was a purely political one. —Reuter.

MALAYAN FLIER DECORATED

London, To-day.

Royal Air Force awards for the Norwegian operations include the Distinguished Service Order for Squadron Leader John William Donaldson, who was the leader of the squadron which brought down fourteen aeroplanes in one day during the operations at Aandalsnes.

Squadron Leader Donaldson was born at Kuala Lumpur in 1910.

One of the fourteen German aircraft, six were shot down and eight were put out of action. —Reuter.

CROWN PRINCE OF NEPAL WEDDED

London, To-day.

Their Majesties the King and Queen have sent a message of good wishes to the Crown Prince of Nepal on the occasion of his marriage to the granddaughter of the Prime Minister. —Reuter.

FIRST CZECH FORCE FOR FRANCE

London, To-day.

When the first contingent of Czechoslovak troops left for France yesterday, Dr. Benes, in a short speech, said that they were going to fight with their Allies to help smash the Nazi system of organized barbarism. The task would not be easy, but he believed they would perform their role gallantly.

Madame Benes presented the troops with a flag. —Reuter.

FINNS DENY CHARGES

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish Foreign Office has denied an allegation appearing in the Soviet newspaper "Pravda" (Truth) that machinery and plant in the territory ceded to Russia had been damaged or removed. —Reuter.



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BACK TO THE LAND DRIVE IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A gigantic "back to the land" movement, on at least a temporary basis, has been opened under the guidance of the Japan Young Men's Association to relieve the current shortage of fodder and cereals.

The Association urges its 500,000 members to help cultivate vacant lots and raise corn, soya beans, rye, potatoes and fodder for cattle.

The Education and Agriculture and Fisheries Ministries are co-operating in the campaign.

Cultivation of vacant lots and land belonging to the Government will start in June, the products to be handed over to local government organs for disposal in the best interest of the country.

All school-children in Japan and Korea are invited to raise at least three castor-oil plants each in the backyard of their home.

This campaign is scheduled to bring 10,000,000 yen worth of castor oil, which is indispensable for lubricating aeroplane engines and other precision machinery.—Havas.

INCREASES IN MANCHURIA COAL OUTPUT QUOTA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsinking, To-day.

An increased coal output, to satisfy the constantly increasing demand, has been decided by the Manchukuo Planning Bureau.

An increased coal quota will be given the steel and electric industries. Considerable quantities of coal will be imported from North China, and steel works which last year curtailed production considerably owing to lack of coal, will work at full capacity.

On the other hand, "for special reasons", only a minimum supply of coal will be provided for gas production, heating and several other industries. Shipments of coal to Japan are expected to be much larger this year although they will not reach the full amount originally planned.—Havas.

A Chinese treated at the Queen Mary Hospital with serious injuries yesterday had been knocked down by a private car in Connaught Road West which, it is alleged, did not stop after the accident.

Gardening implements and fertiliser valued at \$98 were stolen from the Diocesan Boy's School yesterday.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A rationing system for school supplies will be enforced shortly throughout the Kwansai region of Kobe, the authorities announce.

The increase in the number of school-children, coupled with the enormous demand for school supplies for export to markets cut off from their usual source of supplies by the war, compels restrictions especially in the use of paper.

Effective from to-day, notebooks can only be obtained from school principals and against a ticket detached from a special card.—Havas.

SHANGHAI AND THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The names of Shanghaianders serving in the European war will be read out at the daily Intercession Service at noon in Holy Trinity Cathedral and at the morning service on the first Sunday of each month, announces Dean A. C. S. Trivett.

Dean Trivett asked for suggestions in connection with this service and the names of those passing through the perils of war.

It is added that apart from prayers for those on war duty, prayers will also be said for those upon whom the miseries of war have fallen.—Havas.

THE LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Kaffirs maintained a good disposition throughout yesterday's session of the Stock Exchange. Gilt-edged securities, after making further headway, finished under the best, but Indian and colonial issues were well held. Industrials lacked buying interest, especially tobaccos.

Royal Dutch partially recovered from the early marking down, Wall Street was narrowly irregular.—Reuter.

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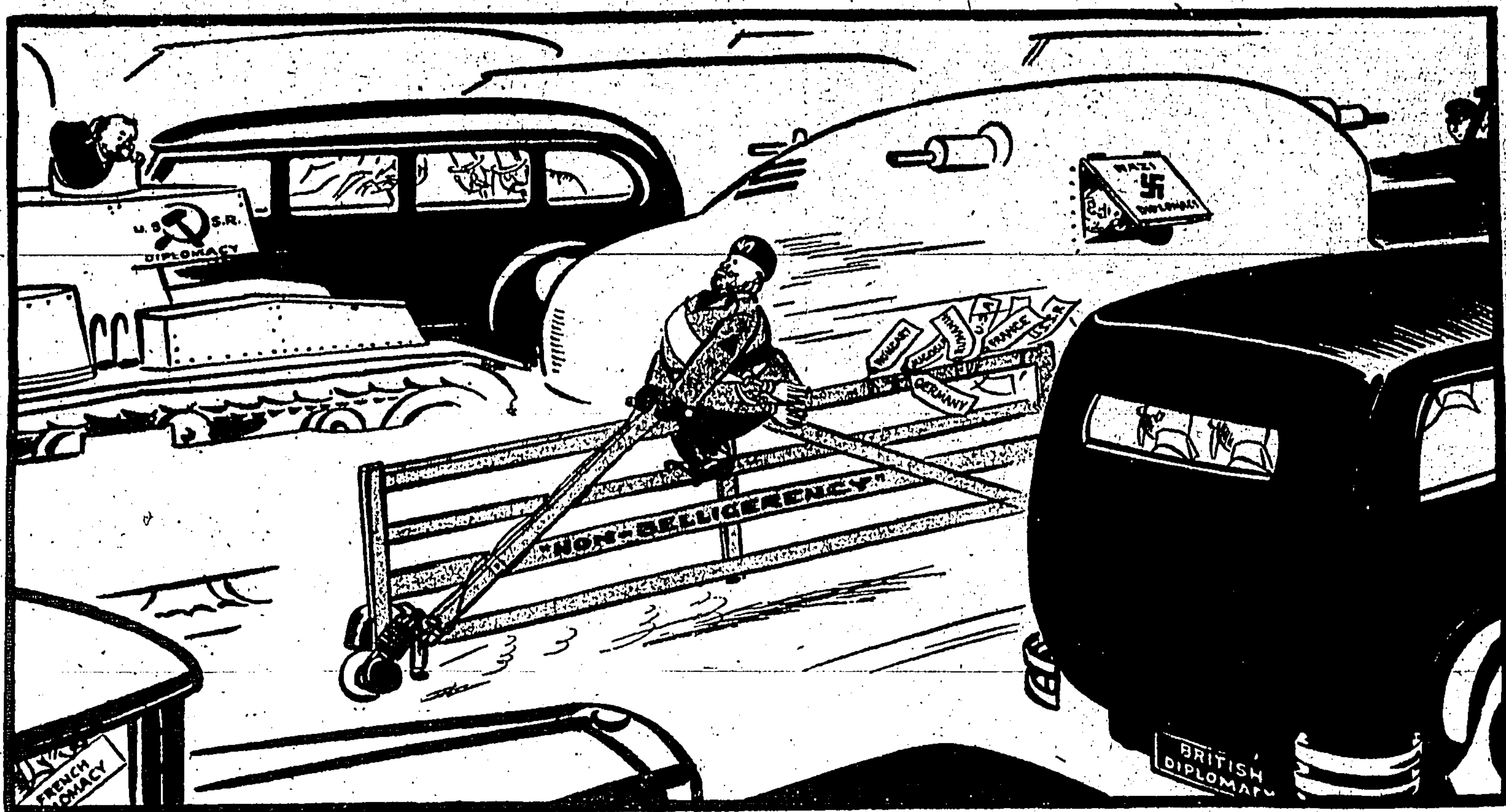
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DEATH OF SIR TERENCE O'CONNOR

London, To-day.
The death is announced of Sir Terence O'Connor, Solicitor-General, who was 49, had been Conservative M. P. since 1930 and Solicitor General since 1936.
Before the debate in the Commons

opened, the Prime Minister expressed the grief which would be felt at the news of his death by the House, in all parts of which he had many friends.

Mr. Chamberlain also referred to the death of George Lansbury, which he said would be sincerely regretted on all sides for there was no member who was more widely respected or who had won more universal affection.
—British Wireless.

RECEIVING CHARGE

Lai Tat, 38, salesman, was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning, with receiving 10 bags of orlons knowing them to have been stolen.

Mr. C. D'Almada was for defendant. Hearing was fixed for May 14. Defendant was released on bail of \$150.



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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra & Webster Booth (Tenor). Bird of Love: Divine (Haydn Wood); I Hear You Calling Me (Marshall, arr. Haydn Wood).... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.

A Year of Theatre Land. Intro: Play, Orchestra, Play; Music in May; I breathe on windows; Drop in next time you're passing; Anything Goes; Love is a dancing thing; Unbelievable; This'll make you whistle.... Webster Booth and Janet Lind with Orchestra and Chorus.

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

Palladium Memories. Intro: The Fleet's in Port Again; Hometown; O-Kay for Sound; Along the river with you; Life begins at Oxford Circus; There's New World; Free; Waltz of the Gipsies; Round about Regent Street.... London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

Everybody's Songs (arr. Geehl). Intro: O lovely Night; Passing by; Come to the Fair.... The London

Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in G Major. Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His Chamber Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestre Mascotte.

Waltzes—You Will Never Know (Berbuer); Amphitryon (Amberg & Others).... Orchestre Mascotte.

Ta Main (Deleltre).... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Waltzes—My Life is filled with Love and Longing (Strauss); Walk Right In (Ziehrer).... Orchestre Mascotte.

Solitude (Laurent and Carcel); Viens Danser Quand Meme (Jamblan and Deleltre).... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Waltzes—Women of Vienna (Strauss); Du und Du (from 'Die Fledermaus'—Strauss).... Orchestre Mascotte.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Military Band Music.

La Source Ballet (arr. Winterbottom)—(a) Danse des Echarpes; (b) Scene d'amour; (c) Variation; (d) Danse Circassienne.... The

Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

Mirella—Overture (Gounod, arr. O'Donnell).... The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell.

Rakoczy March (from 'Damnation of Faust'—Berlioz, arr. Godfrey); Radetzky March (Strauss, Op. 228).... The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell.

7.05 p.m.—Welsh Songs.

The Stars in Heaven are Bright (Trad.); She Must Be Mine (Trad.).... Ben Morgan (Tenor) with Martin Fearn at the Piano.

Malltraeth Dyke (Welsh Folk Song); Wilt Thou Have A Lad Like Me? (Welsh Folk Song).... Mable Parry (Soprano) with Piano.

David of the White Rock (Trad.); The Vale of Llangollen (Trad.).... Ben Morgan (Tenor) with Martin Fearn at the Piano.

7.15 p.m.—Studio—An appeal by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl

MacGregor on behalf of "St. John's Ambulance Brigade."

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by the Band of one of His Majesty's Cruisers.

1. Dance Music: (a) Quickstep—Bugle Call Rag; (b) Slow Fox-Trot—Seventeen Candles; (c) Fox-Trot—We Wont Have To Worry Any More; (d) Waltz—Chatter-box.

Interlude

2. Dance Music: (a) Fox-Trot—They Can't Black Out The Moon; (b) Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs to Daddy; (c) Waltz—Old Fashioned Lady; (d) Novelty Dance—Park Parade.

Interlude

3. (a) H.M.S. Pinafore—Selection. (b) Wee Macgregor Patrol.

Interlude

4. Selection—50 Years of Song.

9.05 p.m.—Vocal—Items by The Mills Brothers.

Mr. Paganini (Lambert, Richards). Star Dust (Carmichael & Others).

Asleep In The Deep (Petrie, Lamb).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Vive La France".

9.45 p.m.—A Violin Recital by Yehudi Menuhin.

Concerto in G Major—Adagio (Mozart).... with Piano accomp. by Louis Persinger.

Perpetual Motion, Op. 11 (Paganini); Dance of the Goblins, Op. 25 (Bazzini).... with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.

Song of the Bride (from 'Tzar's Bride'—Rimsky-Korsakov).... with Piano accomp. by Herbert Glesen.

Tarantella, Op. 28, No. 2 (Szymanowski).... with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.

10.06 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schuman (Soprano).

My Lord Marquis (from 'Die Fledermaus'—Strauss); I'll Play the Innocent Country Maid (from 'Die Fledermaus'—Strauss).... with the Vienna State Opera Orchestra.

Lehn' Deine Wang' An Meine Wang' (Heine-Jensen); Wo Du Hingehst, Da Will Auch Ich Hingehen, Op. 8 (Hildach).... with Piano accomp. by Leo Rosenek.

10.20 p.m.—Dvorak—Symphony No. 4 in G Major, Op. 88. Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Vaclav Talich.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Maier, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken... World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.

THE WRONG LEAD

In choosing the opening lead against a notrump contract it is well to note the vast difference between a four-card and a five-card suit. It usually pays to lead from a five-card suit headed by some tenace such as Ace-Queen or King-Jack, for you have a slight chance of running off five tricks immediately and a very good chance of eventually capturing four tricks in the suit. Thus, even though your opening lead costs a trick, you will often defeat a three-notrump contract provided your partner can win an early round trick.

When holding only a four-card suit, the proposition is entirely changed, for if you lose one trick, the remaining three that you will win is not sufficient compensation. Here is a typical example:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 10
♥ 9 7 4
♦ A Q J 8 2
♣ K Q 5 3
♠ A J 8 2
♥ Q J 8
♦ 9 6 5
♣ 9 7 4
N
W
E
S
♠ Q 9 8 4
♥ K 6 5 2
♦ 10 7 3
♣ A 6
♠ K 7 6 5
♥ A 10 3
♦ K 4
♣ J 10 8 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 1

TOTAL VALUE OF HAND IN OPENING BIDDING

West made the normal opening of the spade deuce, and now the contract could no longer be defeated for East-West could win only three spade tricks and the club Ace.

The winning lead of course was the

Queen of hearts, with the spade suit held in reserve. East would be bound to get in with the club Ace and three heart tricks could then be run. East would then naturally shift to a spade. If he led a low one, the contract would be set two; but if he boldly laid down the Queen, the defence could run off four spade tricks. Thus, the difference between the right and wrong lead on this hand is actually four tricks.

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday. Neither side was vulnerable and you held:

♠ K x x
♥ x
♦ A J 9 x x
♣ J x x x

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. You have re-opened the bidding, and if your partner held a really tremendous hand, he could have jumped to three notrump directly.

Score 100% for pass, 60% for three diamonds (you have only a five-card suit), 30% for three notrump (a bad gamble).

QUESTION NO. 405

Merwin Maier is your partner and you hold:

♠ x x x x x
♥ x
♦ x x x x x
♣ x x x x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	You	Schenken
3♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AMBITIONS OF KWONG WAH ATHLETIC ASSN.

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APPLICATION MADE FOR OWN SPORTS GROUND

By "ADREM"

WHAT A LITTLE determination and organisation can do is illustrated by the amazing growth of the Kwong Wah Athletic Association, an institution whose objects are the furtherance of physical culture among the Chinese employees of the China Light and Power Co.

Starting in 1931, with an initial grant of \$250 from the company, the Association now boasts a membership of over 450, these for the most part being lowly-paid Chinese employees.

All, however, are eligible for the football teams, and such has been the growth of the game under the enthusiastic training of Mr. W. J. Brown, the president of the Club and Chief Accountant of the China Light and Power Co., that teams, during the season just concluded, were entered in First and Second Divisions and did remarkably well in both.

APPLICATION FOR GROUND

Looking further ahead, Mr. Brown has other ideas which he has every confidence will develop. Having regard to the increasing number of footballers and potential footballers who are being catered for, and the excellent work being done in the physical training of a large number of Chinese, who would otherwise probably be prey to the tubercular scourge with which the Colony is afflicted, application has been made to the Director of Public Works for the allocation of an area of ground to the south of Argyle Street, which, according to Government maps, has been set aside for playing fields.

Said Mr. Brown: although the objects of the club are primarily to improve the physical standard of members of the company, we have a rather ambitious plan to set out the ground—if we get it—on the lines of a park. We would encourage associate members, who would be able to attend various open air concerts and other good clean entertainments which we hope to organise, from Mondays to Fridays, Saturday's and Sunday's, of course, would have to be set aside for football.

We also hope to lay out a running track and softball and baseball pitches.

In short, I have every confidence that the Kwong Wah Athletic Association would in a short while become Kowloon's premier Chinese sports organisation.

History of Assn.

The Association has been in existence since May, 1931. All Chinese employees of the firm are eligible for membership which to-day stands at approximately 450, the members being for the most part lowly paid employees.

Finance prior to this year has been a drawback to the Club, nevertheless they have maintained a small Clubhouse at No. 15 Pakhoi Street, top floor, where magazines, mah jong, table tennis and a wireless set are provided, also a few musical instruments with which some of the members have formed themselves into a Chinese orchestra.

Their revenue is derived from the small monthly subscription levied (25 cts.), mah jong fees for using the sets, and monthly subscriptions from a few of the foreign members of the staff of the Company.

During the last two seasons there has been additional revenue derived from the Football Section.

The management of the Club is vested in a Committee elected annually, chosen from the Chinese Staff of this Company and the Club itself is run on the lines of the foreign club. The object is to provide a means of recreation for members of the Chinese Staff of the Company, and as such it was registered with the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs in 1931.

In 1937, the Club having got into financial difficulties, the Chief Accountant of the Company, Mr. W. J. Brown, was approached with a view to acting as President and taking over the control of its finances, and this gentleman has since acted in this capacity.

SICKNESS PREVALENT. For several years past the Staff of the Company—especially the clerical staff—has

been hampered by a large amount of sickness—particularly tubercular and other complaints. At the General Meeting held in 1937, the President put forward a suggestion that the Association use this institution as a means of helping the staff to help themselves. To further this project he approached certain members of the foreign staff of the Company to help him to make the Club more attractive for the Chinese Staff and also to institute some form of Physical Training. At that time the Association had no other premises than their small Clubhouse in Pakhoi Street, but alongside the Kowloon Tong Substation was a piece of ground—where the Maryknoll Convent School now stands—which was used during the tiffin hours and after working hours for small ball games. With the increased interest brought about by the introduction of a few foreign members of the staff together with a little organisation, a definite football team was got together and in order to still further encourage this plan, membership was applied for and granted in Third Division of Hong Kong Football League.

The first season this Section of the Association did so well that in the following year they passed to the Second Division. They finished up sixth in that division and also won the Hong Kong Junior Shield.

The following year, such was the increased interest shown by the Chinese members of the staff, that they not only had one team in the Second Division but were successful in getting a team elected in the First Division.

In the Season just completed the first team secured sixth position in the Senior Division of the League and the second team secured third position in the Second Division of the League. In addition to performing very creditably on the field they are highly spoken of in local sporting circles.

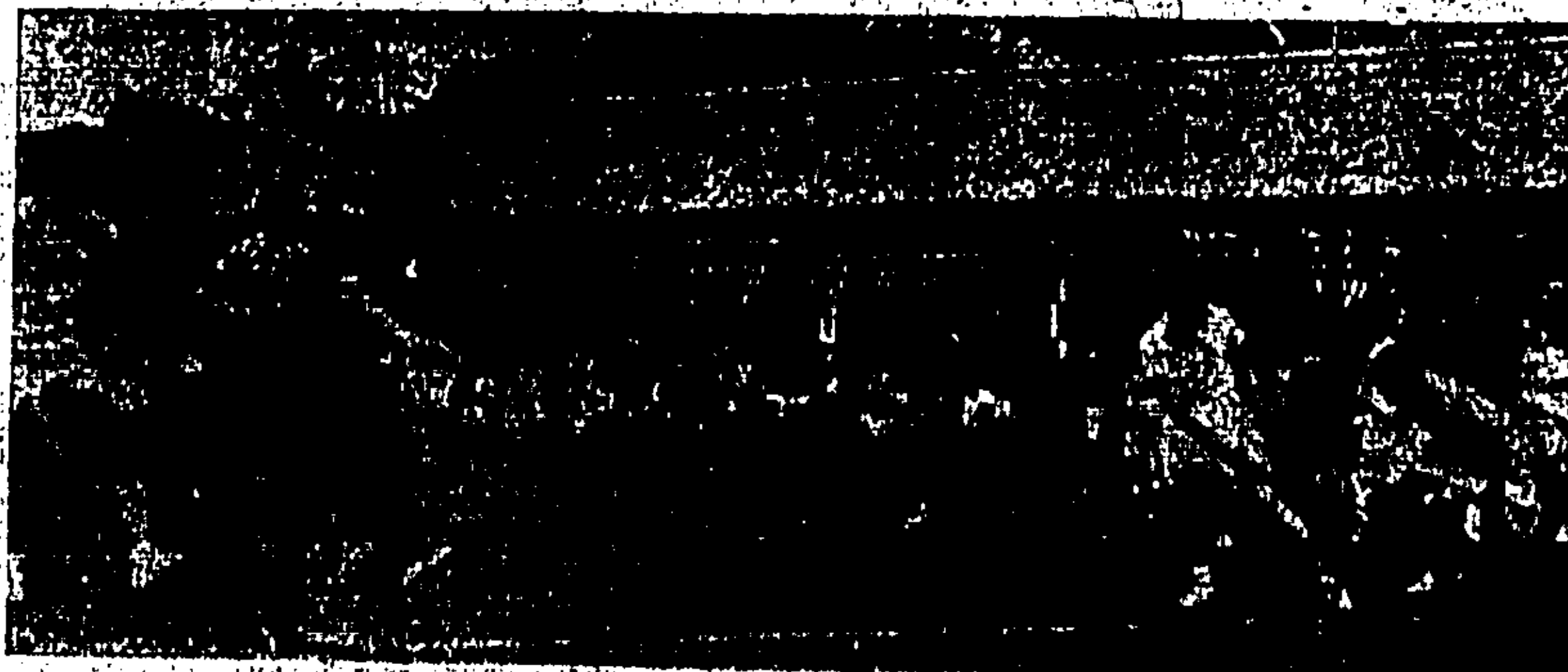
Reference has been made to the Physical Training Section. Although the start was not very encouraging, by the end of the first season, namely, 1938-9, membership had risen to 90 and they were able to give a public display on the Kowloon Football Ground.

TEAM SPIRIT FOSTERED

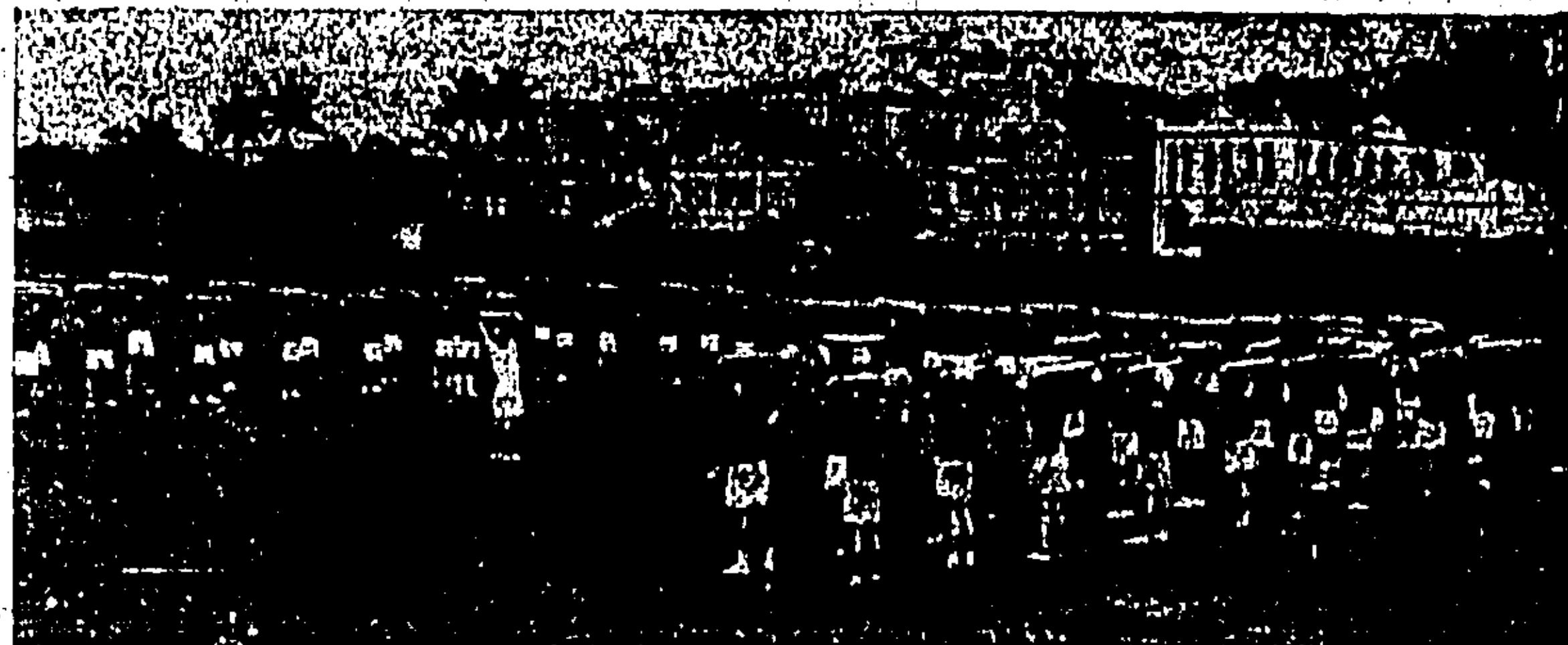
This season the Association has had the advantage of sharing the ground of the Hong Kong Police Sports Board in Boundary Street where the success that has attended the efforts of the Committee during the last few years has been thoroughly maintained and has undoubtedly had a very favourable effect on the staff, not only so far as their health is concerned, but by maintaining a team spirit amongst both those members who play in the games and those members of the staff who have been thereby encouraged to turn out and obtain exercise and fresh air.

It is the ambition of this Club to have its own playing ground for football and other games, and to this end the Director of Public Works was approached early this year to allocate an area of ground to the south of Argyle Street which, according to Government maps, has been allocated for Playing Fields.

Up to the moment no definite reply has been received, but there is little doubt that if it is granted it will be greatly appreciated by a very large number of residents in this Colony, many of whom have expressed their appreciation of the excellent organisation that controls this Association and the sporting spirit that is always displayed by the members.



Such was the interest taken in the Kwong Wah sports, which were held on Sunday, that over 700 people attended. The photo shows the finish of a ladies' event.



Taken during the P. T. display given by Kwong Wah Athletic Association in 1939. Mr. W. J. Brown, who handles this section of the Association's activities, is seen in the middle in white.

COMPLETE SEASON'S YACHTING RESULTS

A very large entry of 49 yachts, including three which did not finish, participated in the Closing Cruise Menagerie yacht race last Saturday over a course of 9½ miles from Murray Pier (east to west) to Middle Island (east to west).

The winner was Comorant with Major J. R. L. Wilcocks at the helm. Mrs. M. A. Neve, in Joss, was the best lady competitor.

Season's Results

The following were the complete results for the yacht racing season:

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cruiser Class:—1, Denison Cup, La Cigale I (N. V. A. Croucher); 2, Norena (P. C. M. Sedgwick); 3, Highwayman (D. F. Landale). Four-Ton Cruisers:—1, Warren Cup, Tern (J. L. Anderson and L. Fisher); 2, Sai Long (A. M. Mack); 3, Curlew (P. Clarke) and Mistral (Capt. R. L. Berridge).

"A" Class:—1, Smythe Cup, Jan (J. Krogh-Moe); 2, Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills); 3, Artemis (G. G. Wood).

Mixed Classes:—1, Bellios Cup, Ailsa (R. A. Officers, Lyemun); 2, Siskin (D. Humphreys and D. G. G. Allen); 3, Owl (G. L. Eastgate).

RACING YACHTS

Commodore's Cup Series

"A" Class:—Commodore's Cup, Jan (J. Krogh-Moe); Vice-Commodore's Cup, Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills); Rear-Commodore's Cup, Artemis (G. G. Wood).

Mixed Classes:—Commodore's Cup, Ailsa (R. A. Officers, Lyemun); Vice-Commodore's Cup, Wendy (H. W. Browne); Rear-Commodore's Cup, Wildgeon (P. F. MacCabe).

Corinthian Series

"A" Class:—1, Elliott Cup, Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills); 2, Artemis (G. G. Wood); 3, True Blue (L. Garner and Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson).

Mixed Classes:—1, Ailsa (R. A. Officers, Lyemun); 2, Siskin (D. Humphreys and D. G. G. Allen); 3, Owl (G. L. Eastgate).

October Series

"A" Class:—1, True Blue (L. Garner and Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson); 2, Redshank (Lt.-Cdr. M. S. Rimington, R.N.); 3, Gull (S. K. Heiberg).

Mixed Classes:—1, Ariel (N. H. Cuthbertson); 2, Wildgeon (P. F. MacCabe); 3, Colleen (Rev. E. d'A. Staunton) and Ailsa (R. A. Officers, Lyemun).

April Series

"A" Class:—Winner La Linda (Comdr. Johnstone, R.N.).

Mixed Classes:—Winner Siskin (D. Humphreys and D. G. G. Allen).

Tai Yat Race

1, Tai Yat Cup, Jan (J. Krogh-Moe); 2, Gull (S. K. Heiberg); 3, Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills).

G. Mills).

Jan Trophy

1, True Blue (L. Garner); 2, Artemis (G. G. Wood); 3, Tyrone-Chal (B. Herschend).

CRUISER RACES

Night Race, October 28-29, 1939:—1, Tai Wan Shan (Major J. E. Dobbs); 2, Wah Kong (P. Killenny); 3, Red Rover (Capt. R. W. Bateman).

'Split' Cruiser Series

Division I:—Yehonala (Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson and Capt. A. F. D. Colson); 2, Donna (E. Cock); 3, La Cigale I (N. V. A. Croucher) and Norena (P. C. M. Sedgwick).

Division II:—1, Tern (J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher); 2, Highwayman (D. F. Landale); 3, Curlew (P. Clarke) and Tyrone (B. Herschend).

1st Corinthian Cruiser Race:—1, Tyrone (B. Herschend); 2, Tern (J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher); 3, Treenlaur (Major C. R. Templer).

2nd Corinthian Cruiser Race:—1, Treenlaur (Major C. R. Templer); 2, Yehonala (Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson and Capt. A. F. D. Colson); 3, Dorinda (E. Cock).

LADIES RACES

1st Series, "A" Class:—1, Jean (Miss G. C. Gowlland); 2, True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson); 3, Isobel (Mrs. G. E. Neve).

2nd Series, "A" Class:—1, True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson); 2, Redshank (Mrs. M. N. Luce); 3, Gull (Mrs. G. D. Adams).

Championship Race:—1, La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone); 2, True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson).

1st Corinthian Race:—1, Redshank (Mrs. M. N. Luce); 2, True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson).

3rd Corinthian Race:—1, True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson); 2, Gull (Mrs. G. D. Adams).

TROPHIES

Scandinavian Cup, (Scandinavia v Britain) Winner: Britain.

Club v Army:—Winner Club.

Probisher Cup:—(Club v R. Navy), not contested.

Inter Service, Ashtray:—(R. Navy v Army), not contested.

PLAYERS LEAVE

The Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will be losing two of their most enthusiastic supporters when Sergt. and Mrs. M. Stone leave to-day.

Both have made a reputation for themselves in local hockey. Sergt. Stone played regularly for the Y.M.C.A. and R.A.S.C. in friendly matches, for the R.A.O.C. in the Hockey Association Tournament, and for Small Units in the Army Knockout Tournament, showing up well both in the forward and the half-back lines.

Mrs. I. E. Stone, who joined "Y" Ladies in 1938, has played in one interport match, travelling North with the team that beat Shanghai 4-0 in April last year.

At right-back, she turned out for "Y" Ladies, the Cier Clark Cup Champions, throughout the past season.

In representative matches, Mrs. Stone has played for the Champions ("Y" Ladies) against The Rest, and for Island ladies against Mainland ladies.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Club de Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—
First Division "A" (v K.C.C. home)—L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves (skip); L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (skip).

First Division "B" (v K.D.R.C. at home)—C. C. Pereira, D. C. Alves, A. P. Guterres and B. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto (skip); C. F. Vas, A. A. Remedios, C. Roza Pereira and J. E. Noronha (skip).

Second Division (v P.R.C. home)—M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues and O. P. Remedios (skip); P. M. N. da Silva, J. A. Remedios, A. M. Xavier and P. Yvanovich (skip); F. A. Xavier, A. P. Pereira, E. M. Remedios and E. Souza

(skip).
C.S.C.C. TEAMS
Following teams have been selected to represent Hong Kong Civil Service Cricket Club in League Lawn Bowls matches to be played on Saturday:—
First Division (v H.K.P.R.C. at H.K.P.R.C.)—E. Kirmion, J. W. Deakin, L. A. Collyer and F. J. Jones (skip); M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange (skip); J. Gellatly, R. R. Wood, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge (skip).

Second Division (v H.K.C.C. at C.S.C.C.)—A. F. Shepherd, P. D. Crawley, J. M. Purvis and A. B. Allan (skip); J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall (skip); C. J. Walker, H. Parrott, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (skip).

I.R.C. TEAMS
The following teams will represent I.R.C. in the Lawn Bowls League against the

K.B.G.C. at Sookunpoo and Kowloon respectively, on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.:—
First Division:—A. H. Rumjahn, M. A. Wahab, D. M. Khan, M. R. Abbas (skip); J. Hoosen, A. Bakar, A. O. Madar, A. R. Minu (skip); A. K. Suffiad, S. O. Bux, A. M. Rumjahn, A. K. Minu (skip).
Third Division:—A. S. Suffiad, U. A. Rumjahn, A. G. Suffiad, M. Y. Adal (skip); S. Yusuf, R. Nazarin, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab (skip); M. Hassan, S. A. R. Bux, K. M. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn (skip).

K.D.R.C. TEAM

Following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Dock R.C. in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v Recreio "B" at C.D.R.)—W. Houston, C. S. M. Thom, R. Lapsley, F. Cullen (skip); J. Revie, T. Coleman, J. C. Brown, J. Kempton (skip); M. Ferguson, A. M. Calman, R. Morrison, J. McKelvie (skip).

HOME FOOTBALL

London: To-day.—Following are the results of soccer matches played yesterday:—

SOUTH "D"

Reading 2 Crystal Palace 4

SCOTTISH WESTERN

Rangers 3 Clyde 1

SCOTTISH EASTERN

Raith 5 Dundee United 0

RUGBY MATCHES

Two matches were played in the Rugby League, Featherstone beat Kwigley 38-8 and Bramley lost to Wakefield 10-42.—Reuter.



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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING,
GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. Brown,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax; for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th May, 1940

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 14th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4233.	Junction of Tong Mi Road and Bute Street, Mong Kok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 18,970	\$248	\$33,198
			As per sale plan						



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 14th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4254.	Junction of Tong Mi Road and Arran Street, Mong Kok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 18,970	\$248	\$33,198
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2791.	Junction of Yen Chou St and Un Chau Street, Shamshuipo	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 12,880	\$236	\$25,760
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GAYDA ON THE POWER OF GIBRALTAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The belief that Gibraltar could seriously endanger Italy's economic position by closing the exit to the Mediterranean may prove "another fatal illusion for the Allies," writes Virginio Gayda in "Giornale d'Italia."

Gayda asserts it is almost certain that Britain has decided to close the western gate to the Mediterranean should Italy enter the war.

Gayda claims that substitutes can be found for most of the products Italy now imports, while coal, metals, oil, cereals and cellulose would be able to reach Italy through the Reich on one side, and the Balkans and Albania on the other, without ever meeting with the Allied blockade. —Havas.

BELGIUM UNRUFFLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

THE CABINET MET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION YESTERDAY TO HEAR THE REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, M. SPAAK, ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE REPERCUSSIONS ON BELGIUM OF THE RECENT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN IN HOLLAND.

No details are available of the decisions reached but it is considered significant that no military measures

YUGOSLAVIA SWINGING TO PAN-SLAVISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

Great importance is attached to the trade negotiations between Yugo-Slavia and Russia, and Moscow is now considered as the protector of Slavs in Europe.

Responsible circles are encouraging this tendency while it is said the negotiations are developing favourably.

While the Yugo-Slav trade delegation is due back from Moscow on Sunday it is persistently rumoured that a Yugo-Slav military mission headed by General Madimovich will leave for Moscow shortly.

Despite the flow of alarming rumours, mostly of German origin, the press and public remain remarkably calm.

"Politika" expressed the views of the large majority when it said rumours of impending attacks on south east Europe are camouflage for the real intentions of those spreading them. —Havas.

"KIANGSU" DETAINED FOR 12 HOURS

Shanghai, To-day.

For unknown reasons the British steamer Kiangsu, of the China Navigation Company, was held up for twelve hours by the Japanese naval authorities at Huanghwati, near Wenchow, in east Chekiang, while on the way to Shanghai from Wenchow on Monday, says the "Sin Wan Pao." —Reuter.

have been ordered and leave continues to be granted as usual to all branches of the armed forces. —Havas.

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London, To-day.

The general verdict on the air-clearing debate in the Commons is that the reconstruction of the Government is necessary for the more intensive prosecution of the war.

The Labour and Liberal papers insist that Mr. Chamberlain has lost the confidence of the country, but "The Times" and "Daily Telegraph" criticise the Labour Party, for forcing a division. —Reuter.

A unit of Portuguese troops from Lisbon, including a number of officers, passed through the Colony to-day, on their way to Macao.

Contrary to reports that the troops are reinforcements, it was officially announced this afternoon that they were ordinary routine reliefs.

Enquiries are being made concerning the whereabouts of Captain H. Kella, chief officer of the s.s. Hareldawins, who has been missing since leaving his Mody Road home on Monday night.

London, To-day.

The Daily Herald says that the nation's will is that Mr. Chamberlain shall go so that the war may be prosecuted with vigour, enterprise and the realism essential to victory.

The Daily Mail says Norway has awakened Parliament and the nation. The demand now is for Government reconstruction and it must be met.

The News-Chronicle declares that Mr. Chamberlain no longer commands the confidence of the country. A new Government comprising all parties must be formed immediately.

The Manchester Guardian is of opinion that the Labour Party should have held its hand to let the latent hostility to Mr. Chamberlain continue for a few weeks when it would have been strong enough to force a radical change.

The Birmingham Post says that if Mr. Chamberlain strengthens national unity by making his government more vigorous and more representative, the nation, appreciating his past services, will be patient; but drastic change there must be.

The Scotsman says that the situation disclosed by Mr. Churchill indicates the need for reconstruction of the Government. —Reuter.

London, To-day.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that on the immediate issue the Government emerged creditably. At same time, if country is ready to put back into struggle, it should have fullest confidence in its leadership. It is urgent that Mr. Chamberlain should reorganise his Cabinet without delay. —Reuter.

London, To-day.

"The Times" to-day says that nothing could be further from the minds of those most concerned to promote the highest degree of energy, speed, competence and unity in the war effort than a search for scapegoats. The events are not in themselves an irretrievable catastrophe, but have served to mark the culmination of the almost imperceptibly rising curve of public dissatisfaction. There is no trace of panic; none of vacillation. After the disclosures of opinion of this week there can be no question of the strength of the demand for a Ministry more broadly based. If the Labour Party fails to answer the clear public call, it leaves the Prime Minister free to choose his own means of showing that the setback in Norway is a new starting point for British energy. —Reuter.

VOROSHILOV REPLACED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

Marshal Semyon Timoshenko has replaced Marshal Klim Voroshilov as War Commissar upon instructions from the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Marshal Voroshilov becomes assistant chairman of the Council of People's Commissars. —Havas.

ITALIAN-GERMAN MINISTERIAL VISITS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Alessandro Pavolini, Minister for Popular Culture, has left for Berlin where he will confer with Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister. Dr. Julius Dornmuller, Nazi Minister of Communications, has arrived in Rome. —Havas.

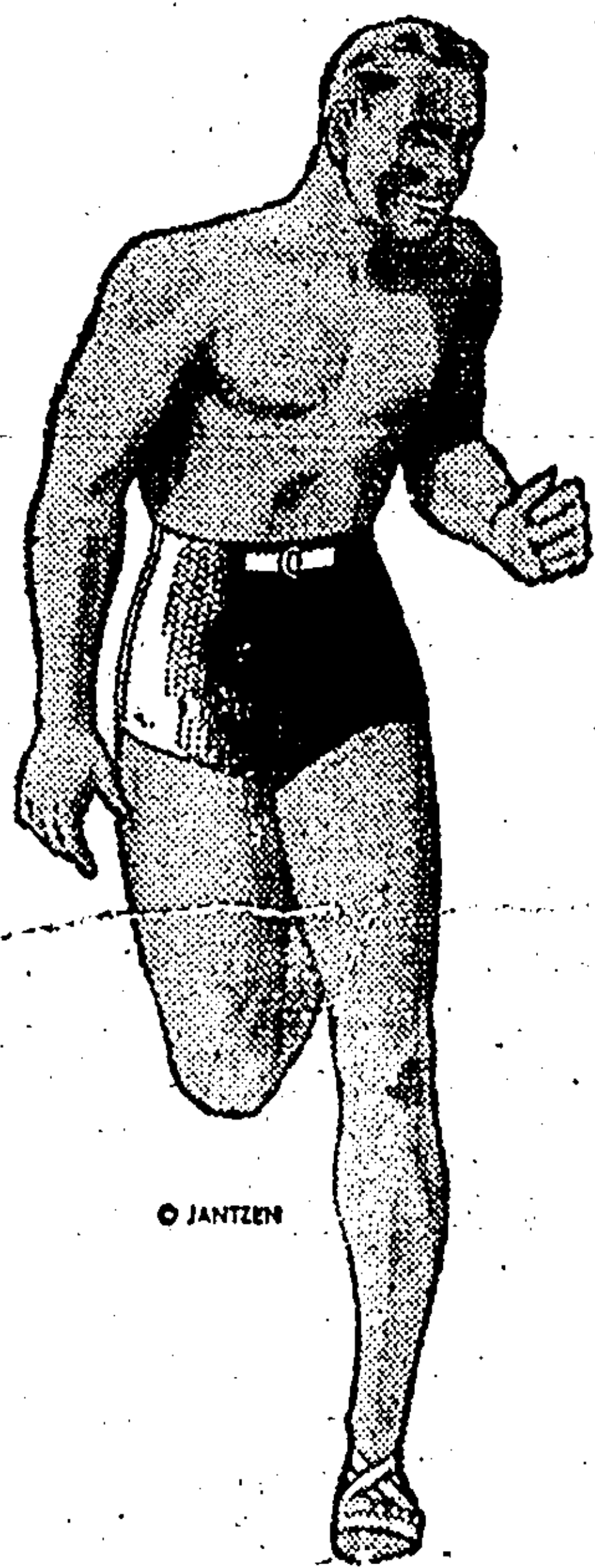
SUGAR RATIONING FOR JAPS. AT TIENTSIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.

Sugar ration cards, allowing every member of the Japanese community here to obtain a pound and a half of sugar a month at a reasonable price, have been introduced on the initiative of the Japanese Consulate as part of a campaign for checking speculation and the shortage of certain essential commodities. —Havas.

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